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OUR LONDON LETTER.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S
APPOINTMENT AS CHANCELLOR.WIRELESS INSTALLATIONS IN SHIPS
LIFEBOATS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, August 28th.

THE NEW CHANCELLOR.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's appointment
as Chancellor of the Exchequer has let
loose a flood of gossip, some of it
friendly and a good deal of it malicious.
The critics of the Government pretend to
believe that Mr. Baldwin has received a
rebuff because he has failed to secure the
services of Mr. McKenna. But there is
really no political capital to be made out
of what has happened.When Mr. Baldwin succeeded to
the Premiership he invited Mr. Mc-
Kenna to join the Government as
Chancellor. Although he was a Liberal
and Free Trader, his great know-
ledge of finance and banking and
also of foreign trade marked him out
from all available Conservatives as an
ideal man for the post. Since he left
the House of Commons a few years ago
he has been Chairman of the London
City and Midland Bank, one of the "big
fives". He accepted the invitation on
condition that he would not have to fight
a contested election, for which he is un-
fitted owing to the state of his health,
and for the same reason he was unable
to promise to take office, even if a seat
were found for him, for several months.Since then the efforts that have been
made to find a seat have all been un-
availing. It was hoped that Sir Freder-
ick Banbury would have accepted a
Peerage and made way for Mr. McKenna
as one of the Members for the City of
London; but the Die-Hard Conservatives
in the City set to work and turned down
the proposal. Other constituencies were
sounded without result. The fact that there
is now a fixed determination every-
where to refuse to accept a candidate,
however eminent, at the bidding of the
Party managers in London. So far as
this denotes the assertion of a spirit of
independence it is all to the good.

A LEAP IN THE DARK.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's appoint-
ment is purely speculative. There is
considerable doubt whether he is a man
big enough for the position of Chan-
cellor in the present difficult financial
state of the country. He has, however,
what I may call the great Chamberlain
tradition. The second son of Joseph
Chamberlain, he has had municipal ex-
perience in Birmingham, as his father
had before him, and as brother of Mr.
Austin Chamberlain, a predecessor of his
in office as Chancellor, it may be pre-
sumed that he will not lack friendly
and fraternal guidance when he assumes his
great responsibilities.He goes to the Treasury with the
unenviable record of having been at the
head of three different Departments in the
short space of 11 months. In Mr. Bonar
Law's Ministry he was Postmaster-
General, and last March he succeeded
Sir A. Griffith-Boscawen as Minister of
Health.

THE CROSS-CHANNEL AIR SERVICE.

The disaster to the Paris-London aéro-
plane near Maidstone this week (August
27th) has prompted a call for a searching
inquiry. Several previous crashes have
all been on the same line, and it is
obvious that, unless something is done
to reassure the public, that the French
system of overhauling machines before
starting for the trip is as effective as the
English system, the traffic from France
will dwindle to a serious extent.Only a few days before this smash
occurred the French aeroplane transport
combination announced a cut in the fares
from six guineas to £4/10/- for the
single journey, and from twelve guineas
to £9 for the return ticket. It is a
challenge to the English company, and
is made possible by the more liberal sub-
sidy which is paid to the French aéro-
plane service. No doubt the explanation
is to be found in the small number of
passengers patronising the latter, and
lower fares is a bid to regain lost custom.
The vast majority of cross-Channel
travellers prefer to fly in the English
machines, which have a proud record of
freedom from serious accidents.

BURIED TREASURE.

There is something romantic that makes
a very wide appeal in the quest for
sunken treasure. Even at this time of
day there are people who would finance
schemes to search for the fabled riches
that went to the bottom of the sea with
the Spanish Armada. But in all the long
history of treasure-hunting nothing can
compare with the story of the White Star
liner *Laureatic*.The ship has lain ninety feet below the
surface, near the entrance to Lough
Swilly, since she was torpedoed by a
German submarine. In the strongroom
were bars of gold worth between six and
seven million pounds sterling, and about
a million in silver. Nearly all this bullion
has been recovered by divers employed
by the Admiralty, and only about thirty
bars of gold remain in the wreck. It has
certainly been a magnificent bit of work
to raise so much treasure. The men
engaged could only work a few months
in the year when the weather on that
part of the Irish coast permitted the
divers to go down.It need scarcely be said that salvage
operations in such circumstances are ex-
ceedingly dangerous. The divers formerly
got a commission of one-sixteenth of
the total value brought to the surface,
but this was recently halved, and they
profess themselves completely satisfied.
Under the most favourable conditions
salvage work is a gamble, and it was
certainly so in this case; indeed, last
Autumn the experts thought it would be
impossible to recover any more of the
treasure.

THE BOWLER AGAIN.

It is said on authority that the bowler
hat is to come into its own again this
Autumn; and, although the average manis apt to be sceptical when he hears that
kind of prediction, the fact cannot be
gainsaid that more bowlers are now being
worn in London than for many years.
It was the late King Edward who set
the fashion with the Homburg, the soft
felt hat which has been in favour for
twenty years. It has now lasted quite
long enough according to the sartorial
experts in the West End, and they pre-
dict that it will go out of fashion except
for country wear.The Prince of Wales, who wears every
conceivable hat for every conceivable
occasion at absolutely the correct angle,
has returned to the hard felt. He is
still a young man and cannot be expected
to control men's fashions in dress as
King Edward did for many years; but,
all the same, he can and does create a
vogue, especially among the younger
generation. A point of interest in con-
nection with hats is whether the "topper"
will regain pride of place and keep the
bowler company, as it were. For years
it has been reserved for ceremonial oc-
casions only. A fairly large number of
City men have remained loyal to the silk
hat, and it may be seen in all its
glory of sleek perfection in and around
Leicester Street. But it is scarcely con-
ceivable that it will ever come back into
general use; if it does, then the age of
miracles certainly is not past.

WIRELESS IN LIFEBOATS.

The survivors of the ill-fated *Titanic*
met with a great reception on reaching
London. What struck everyone who saw
and spoke to them was their extreme
modesty. It might be thought that to
be at sea in open boats in the Pacific
for a couple of weeks was a matter of
fact event, and all in the day's work.
The crowds that greeted them, the cheer-
ing that met them as they landed at
Gravesend, and the evident determina-
tion to regard them as heroes was to
these gallant sailors mildly surprising.
Their attitude seems typically English in
the desire to avoid hero-worship, or to
appear conscious of having done any-
thing out of the ordinary.There is a suggestion that, with the
example of the *Titanic* as a case in
point, the dangers of shipwreck would
be lessened if lifeboats were fitted with
wireless. But on inquiry I am told that
most of the big shipping companies have
already installed special wireless sets on
one or more lifeboats carried by their
ships. The *Homer*, *Olympia*, *Aqueduct*,
and the *Majestic* of the White Star line,
and some of the vessels belonging to the
P. & O., the Orient, and the Royal Mail
lines are equipped with wireless. The
range of the installations in each case is
fifty miles. This is considered enough
for practical purposes, as it is thought
unlikely that a ship's lifeboat will be on
the open sea would be more distant than
this from passing ships, at any rate for
an appreciable time.It is further stated that the equipment
of lifeboats with wireless will be carried
out till most of the ocean-going passenger-
ships are supplied.

HIGH TEA AT WESTMINSTER.

During the Parliamentary recess atten-
tion is being given to certain alterations
in being given to certain alterations
that are deemed necessary at the House
of Commons to improve the catering
arrangements. The work is now in hand
and will be completed by the time the
House re-assembles on November 15th.
The matter has arisen chiefly because
Members now attend to their duties at
Westminster in larger numbers than
formerly, and also because the arrival of
the Labour Party in force has brought
about a change in the habits of our
legislators.In the old days only a proportion of
Members of Parliament, dined at the
House of Commons. Conservatives and
Liberals paired and went away in the
evening to dine quietly at home or with
friends in Mayfair and Belgrave. But
those days are gone, probably for ever.
The Labour men are not in Society, nor
have they been accustomed to "lat-
tens. Apart from that, many of them
are in lodgings in London living on
the pay that a more or less grateful
country allows them for their valuable
services as M.P.s. They prefer "high
tea" to dinner in the evening, and this
imposes upon the catering department
new and special duties.

THE MEAT RAMP.

The Report of the Government Com-
mittee appointed to inquire into the high
charges made for meat in the shops is
naturally provoking a good deal of dis-
cussion. It could hardly be otherwise.
The careful housewife has lamented the
excessive price she has to pay for the
most modest purchase, which is one side
of the story; and on the other side we
have had the farmers complaining that
they cannot make a fair profit out of the
bullocks they send to market, to be sold
to the butchers, and in due course be
turned into "the roast beef of old Eng-
land," of which the lullad-maker has told
us.It now appears that the villains of the
piece are the dealers, or wholesale
buyers, attending cattle sales, who form
"rings" in order to keep down the
prices of animals at auction. These
gentry, having bled the farmers, sell to
the butchers at a greatly enhanced price,
and hence the unreasonable figure at
which meat is exposed for sale in the
shops. Even this is probably not the
whole explanation, for there is every
reason to believe that the butchers have
their own "rings" and settle prices so
that free competition as between one
shop and another in a town is eliminated,
and the public are helpless.There is talk about the Government
taking action to break up the rings; but
this is more easily said than done. Be-
sides, Government interference with
trading has not been exactly a blessing,
as past experience proves, both during
and since the war. A more hopeful
endeavour is the promise of the Aucti-
oneers' Institute to investigate the
operations of the wholesalers who buy
cattle "on the hoof." An auctioneer is
in a position to know whether a ring is
at work at a sale or not. Meanwhile, public
opinion is incensed, and something
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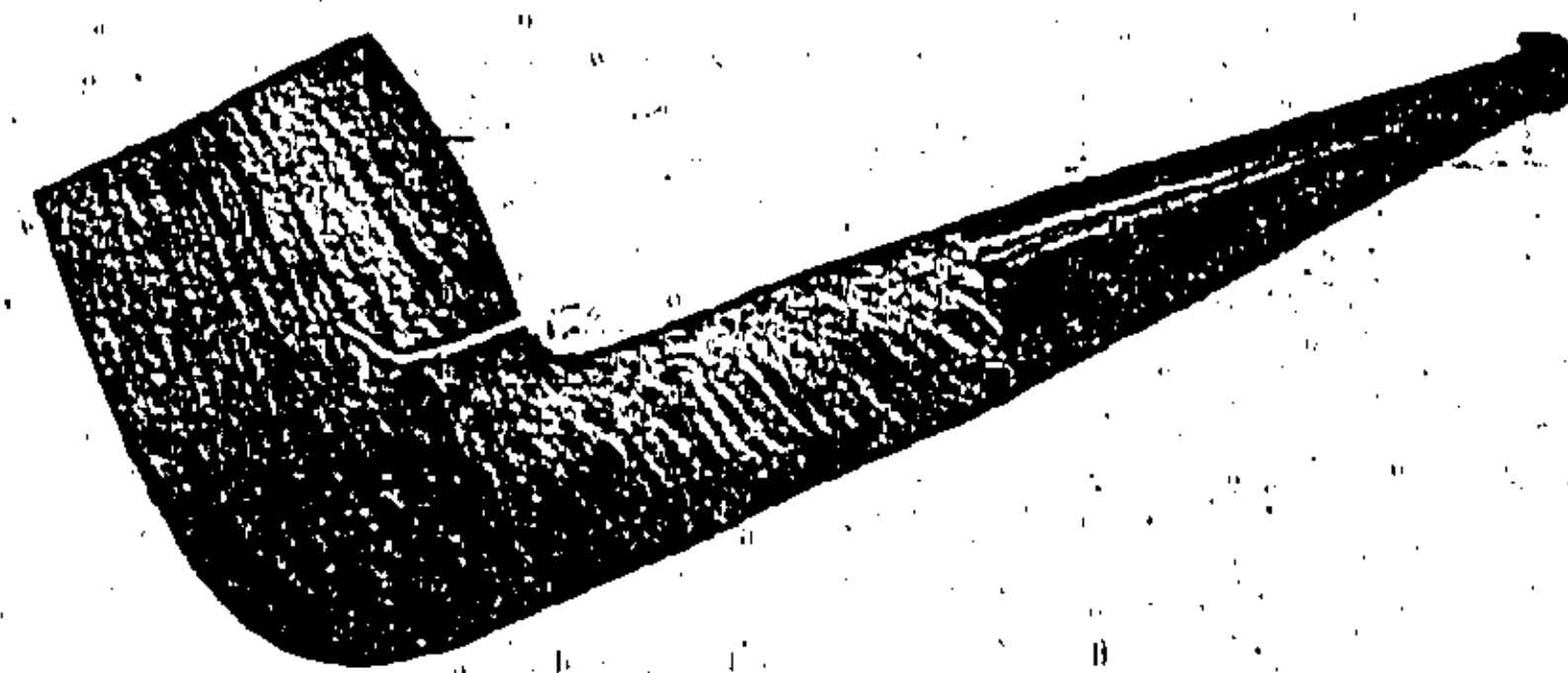
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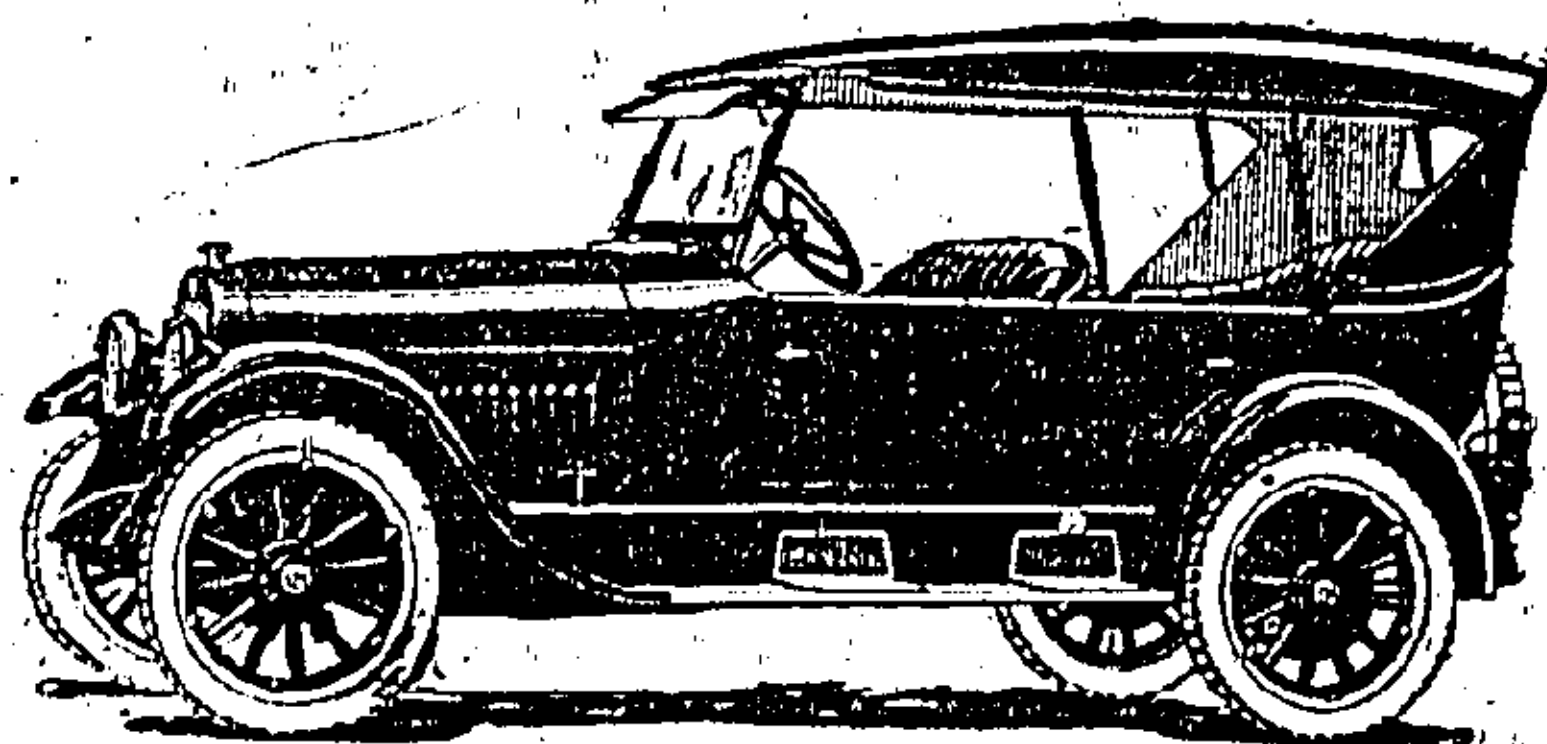
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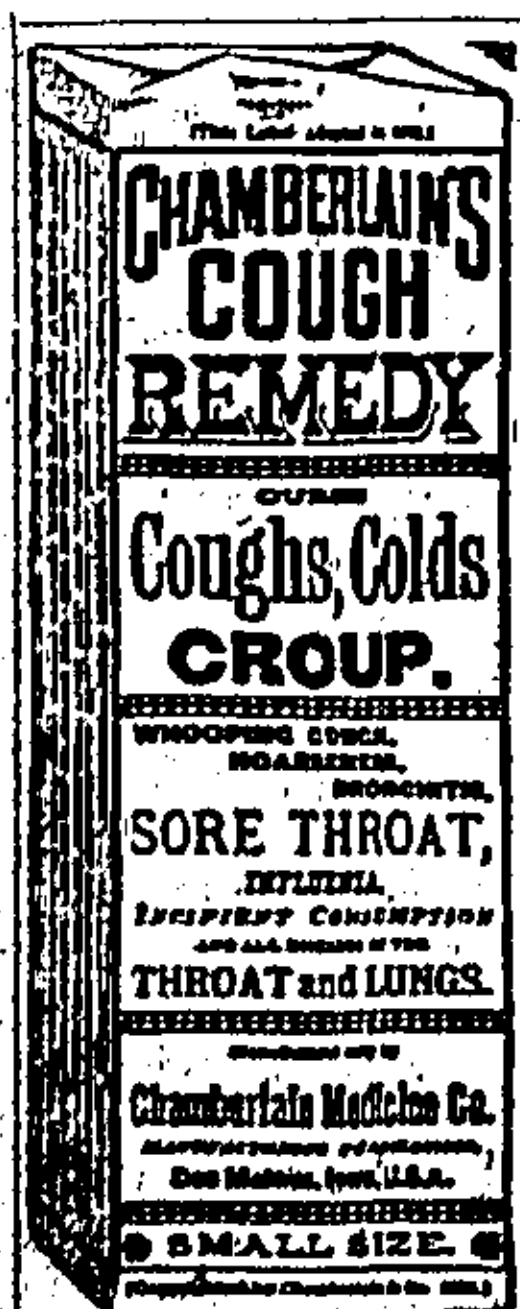


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"MY DUTCH WIFE"

"Where is my Dutch wife?" I demanded of the startled chambermaid who appeared at the door of my room in answer to my summons a few hours after my arrival in an up-to-date London hotel. It was clear that she regarded me as a sufferer from an unknown type of dementia which, had she known I had but recently returned after seven long years' exile in the Straits, she would have attributed to the action of a tropic sun upon a weak intellect. The question, nevertheless, was an absolutely sensible one, prompted by no febrility of mind, and yet I was obliged, intimidated as I was by the mixture of compassion and fear depicted on her face, to dismiss the young lady with a muttered "Tidapa," which must still further have strengthened her resolve to seek the assistance of the first medical gentleman she could find. I only hope, however, that that young lady will see what I have written here and think of me kindly.

It is remarkable how custom will upset the ordered scheme of things. Life in the Straits leaves one with "Tidapa" as a stock expression on one's lips, and its meaning of "never" mind" typified in one's every day actions. Only those who have spent part of their lives in that part of the world where the Straits of Malacca flow smoothly down past the town of their name, into the Java Sea, can understand the ways of desolation and loneliness which surged over me as I regarded the bed on which I was to pass a fevered night, longing for my Dutch spouse. What cared I for the bright swans-down quilt, the warm blankets and the sweet smelling over sheet? For years I had slept without their warmth. I would not miss the thin netting which for seven years had enclosed me during long hot nights from the ravages of mosquitoes. But my Dutch wife! Never has matrimonial separation been as cruel.

As I have said, only those who have lived in the parts I have spoken of, will appreciate my sense of loss. They will support me too in the what may seem astounding assertion that within 24 hours of his arrival in the "immoral cesspool," Singapore, the formerly upright and moral assistant fresh from home finds himself provided with a companion who will share his nocturnal existence, at all events during his sojourn in the East. Even after one has shaken from one's feet the dust of the Orient, one cannot thrust a self from the lady who has been thrust upon one in the days of one's freedom from guile.

I hope you moralists, however, will read further before you commit yourselves to opprobrium of a custom which is so firmly rooted. Absent-mindedly I have derived my meaning largely from sanity in the presence of the chambermaid. Your opprobrium would be wasted. Indeed, it is not merited, in spite of the fact that babes, barely a month old, are among the adherents of the practice, to which I have referred.

A Dutch wife is a wife only in name. I cannot conceive of the most persecuted of husbands treating his spouse with the brutality which is meted out to the harmless holster which finds a place on every bed worthy the name to be sited on from Penang to Singapore, from Kota Raja to Delhi. How the lady achieved marital rank and her name is shrouded in mystery. The only clue is the fact that her use undoubtedly had its origin among the early Hollandaise in the Netherlands Indies.

As soon as the new born infant makes its appearance into the world a miniature Dutch wife is provided for it: in less than a year the babe has become an expert in its treatment, throwing its leg across in the abandon of childhood, even as do its elders in a more dignified fashion, or hugging it tightly in the arms, or the sleep that is often a long time coming in the tropics. The Dutch wife is intended, and does bring relief during the hot nights of the East. It is a wonderful companion which I can also recommend to the English schoolboy for breaking-up pillow fighting occasions, for it makes an excellent weapon of offence.

How X—will get on without his "lady" through the long voyage to England next month, particularly as his vessel swelters through the Red Sea I cannot imagine, for, although the East has known him for barely three years, he is a Dutch wife fanatic. Very probably he will resort to the use of one of his pillows, as one is obliged to do on the night mail which runs through the rubber country of the Malay States, and also on the small coastal steamers plying in the Straits, for commercially-minded railway and steamship authorities do not recognise the luxury and, very probably, would seek to charge double fare were an attempt made to take the lady.

But one attempt has been made and, so far as I know, has been successfully accomplished by a returning exile to England, and one of the dignified P. and O.'s gave refuge to a pair whose union was certainly not in accord with the conventions. I saw the beginning of the affair, for I was on the spot when it happened, intending to see a brother journalist out of the country. The departure of the steamer was imminent when my friend, as we were talking together, gave expression to what sounded like a good Anglo-Saxon oath. In a trice he had bounded down the gangway and into a waiting motor-car. The cause of his excitement was made apparent on his return when, all smiles, he triumphantly came on board, bearing over his shoulder the white-clad Dutch wife, without which, as a hardened Easterner, he could not face the voyage.

It is not everybody, however, who takes kindly to the Dutch wife. It would be interesting to know how many mothers, wives and sweet-hearts have misadventured protests upon learning that everyone in this part of the East has a Dutch wife. There is a story told of a young assistant who ever night for months religiously discovered of his "wife" beneath his bed. But that was due to absolute ignorance of its use and his disinclination to en-

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KIEL CANAL FREEDOM.
IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

The Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague has decided that the German authorities were not justified in preventing the s.s. *Wimbedon* from entering the Kiel Canal, and that they should pay compensation. The action was brought by the Allies against Germany on account of the Germans, in March, 1921, not allowing the British s.s. *Wimbedon*, with a cargo of munitions for Poland from France, to pass through the Kiel Canal, on the ground that German neutrality regulations forbade them to let munitions go through to either Russia or Poland, then at war with each other. The Allies claimed that the Treaty of Versailles stipulated that the Kiel Canal should be open to all vessels of all nations at peace with Germany. According to the Treaty of Versailles, disputes regarding transit of the canal may be submitted to the Permanent Court.

The judgment says that the German authorities on March 21st, 1921, were wrong in refusing access to the Kiel Canal to the steamship *Wimbedon*; that Article 381 of the Versailles Treaty should have prevented Germany from applying to the Kiel Canal the neutrality order promulgated on July 25th, 1920; that the German Government is bound to make good the prejudice sustained by the vessel and her charterers as a result of this action; that the prejudice sustained may be estimated at a sum of 140,749, 35c., with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum reckoned from the date of the judgment, to be paid to the French Government in francs within three months from this day; and that each party shall bear its own costs.

quire. Probably, he is now as bad as the rest of us, but we are not Don Juanistic in our attitude, a good wife is kept long.—P.H.R. in *Singapore Free Press*.

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MORE EARTHQUAKE STORIES TRAGEDIES AND ESCAPES AT YOKOHAMA.

Mrs. Douglas Adam, continuing in the *Japan Chronicle* her collection of stories gleaned from Yokohama survivors writes:

In view of the great number reported missing the following incident may be of interest.

Mons. Offhouse, of the French Chamber of Commerce, visited the Dutch Consul on Thursday in response to an appeal for information as to the whereabouts of Mr. Jan Van Doorn, business manager of the General Hospital and accountant of the *Japan Gazette*. He has been variously reported dead, missing and safe. Van Doorn was known to be safe after the shock, but later could not be found.

He sent word to Mons. Offhouse (whose wife and son were missing) that he (Van Doorn) had taken refuge on a ship with others, who had been put ashore at a remote place. Orders had been issued that no one should for the present return to Yokohama, and he thought perhaps the same thing had happened to his friend's relatives.

It would be cruel to awaken false hopes in the minds of relatives of the many missing, but since one man had the above experience, perhaps other foreigners share it.

Mr. G. Clifford Hadden is a mahjongg fiend, and he attributes his escape to that fact. He has for years been with the Standard Oil Co., and for a fortnight had been in the Hokkaido on business for his firm, returning to his quarters in the Bluff Hotel, No. 2, on Friday evening. He intended going as usual to his business, but his wife persuaded him to make Saturday a full instead of a half-day holiday and go shopping with her instead.

Mrs. Hadden told the story thus: "I had been equipping a mahjongg table, with weighted cover, etc., for my husband, and lacking some materials for finishing it, made my husband go with me to buy them."

"We searched along the Moto-machi and other places, but not finding all, we went to Lane Crawford's, and were near the entrance in the ladies' department with Mr. Jackson, when the earthquake came."

"The whole building fell on us and around us, just like a giant's toy house, and we were buried underneath the earth shaking all the time in the black darkness. My husband was close to me and I said, 'This is the end, but we will die together.' We embraced and lay in the darkness, hand in hand, waiting for death. How we could be so calm I don't know."

"After what seemed hours but was maybe 20 minutes, the trembling stopped for a time and we saw a round hole where light came in. Carefully my husband got up shouting joyfully. 'We can get out, we can get out, and he began to crawl toward the light, calling to Mr. Jackson, who crawled along, too. I got out all right but for Mr. Jackson, who is a big man, it was harder work to get him out."

"We were quite black, eyes, mouths and noses full of dirt. We made our way to the lawn of Butterfield & Swire, where Mrs. Harley, wife of the manager, was so kind to us. She said, 'There is water here. Hurry and wash out your mouths. We did so. It was a good thing, for afterwards, breathing hot air and smoke, we should have choked to death."

"We stood in the water of the Band for 3 hours. Mr. Sheriff of the *Japan Gazette* was there and he wore a felt hat. This he repeatedly filled with water and poured over us or I think I must have fainted in the scorching heat. Finally we were rescued by one of the motor-boats from the Dutch ship *Tjibbet*, which saved hundreds."

"Afterwards we went aboard the *Empress of Australia*. All the officers and men were wonderful in their kindness to us, and we finally got to Kobe on the *Empress of Australia*.

"We were, of course, worn out and had bad colds, but the Captain and whole staff of that ship too did everything they possibly could for our comfort. The rooms we had at the Bluff Hotel were crowded to powder, many people being killed as we should have been, my husband says, but for his keen interest in the Chinese race, which took him with me instead of to No. 8, where so many met a sad fate."

Mrs. Hadden tells the story of a Miss Brune of Baltimore, U.S.A., who, with her aunt, was touring the East, making a temporary stay in apartments over North & Reed's. The aunt was killed at the first shock, the young lady being hours in the water. All the aunt's luggage was aboard the ship by which they were returning to America.

Miss Brune opened her aunt's trunk and distributed her entire wardrobe of useful and handsome garments to the women passengers, and much of her own also, saying she could get more when she got home, while these women had nothing—ones of those generous and thoughtful acts which will be accounted for righteousness in the Big Book.

Mr. Clarence Griffin, a well-known business man, Boy Scout Master and Commissioner of Yokohama, who was in his down-town office, was badly wounded on the head by falling masonry. He came to Kobe and with his usual fine spirit made light of his injuries, but they are more serious than was at first thought. He has been taken to the International Hospital, where an operation is said to be necessary, as a portion of the skull is supposed to rest on the brain. His sister, Miss Ethel Griffin, was away on summer holiday and is reported safe.

Mrs. Simpson-Baile, whose husband died last spring in Yokohama, was giving a piano lesson to the daughter of the Cuban Consul-General at her home, 88, Bluff, one of the Alcock houses, underneath which she was buried. The young son of the late Harry Alcock, formerly of Kobe, died in her excitement, but her arms were badly hurt. This fact caused her gravest anxiety, since she earns a living for herself and two children by tuition. Happily, no bone was broken

and she is getting on surprisingly well. She is staying with the Montague Ellertons at Shyui.

Young Alcock's mother had a leg broken, other relatives escaping serious harm.

A terrible fate was that of the young wife of Mr. G. Komor, who died beneath the wreck of their place opposite the Grand Hotel, 28, Water Street. The distracted husband heard her call and tried to remove the heavy weight which held her down, but alone was unable to stir it. He appealed to men standing near, begging them to help him, but some were afraid, others strangely colourless, until he was about to dash down to die with her, when some dragged him away, with an amount of spirit which, if earlier exerted, might have saved the lady's life. She perished in the flames.

The story of Mr. Rothwell Bowden, a gallant British Ex-Serjeant, is full of startling incident. His mother was at Lake Chusenji and his father Mr. V. R. Bowden was in his house at Tokyo, both safe, the terrible fires on the capital standing only 130 feet from his dwelling. Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell Bowden were walking up from the Settlement and had nearly reached the Y.W.C.A. Residence No. 52, when the shock came. They saw the house occupied by the Optics No. 34, split open in the middle and the two children oddly enough grouped in the yawning space untouched.

They all gathered in the large garden of the Residence where many others were seen collected. When the tremors ceased the Bowdens, fearful of the fate of their children, returned to their house at 45-B, Bluff, and got to them, but most of the hill had fallen shortly down and on the other part of the hill was utterly blocked by ruins of the big Ritz Building.

So they gradually worked their way over debris through the cemetery, where towering monuments and continually trembling earth made passage dangerous, just the street blocked by the Gaiety and the S. S. Hospital ruins, into the British Naval Hospital grounds, the only familiar thing seen being the stone steps leading into them, which were still intact.

From there they scrambled down the cliff, Mrs. Upton carrying a child three years old all the way, and went on to the reclaimed ground, where they stayed till 6 o'clock.

Getting back on to the Bluff over what was Camp Hill, though it bore little likeness of it, they found the children safe in the compound of the Catholic Church, which had been demolished and the roof had fallen in. They had been saved by their Chinese ayah and tended by her and a Japanese boy, others in their service being killed. So they all reached the *Empress*, later coming down here on the *Empress*.

One of the strangest cases was that of a baby. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. H. Tobin, were killed and it was supposed the child had suffered the same fate. But it was found safe in its cot which had high sides, heavy beams having fallen across it supporting a huge pile of masonry.

A grotesque trick of the quake sent a lady in her bath at the Oriental Palace Hotel, sliding down to the Bund, still in her tub and unhurt.

Mr. Thomas Finn, of the Standard Oil Co., gallantly took off his coat and wrapped her in it, afterwards finding some window drapery. He then supported her in the water, swimming thus to a boat which took them to safety. She could not swim.

Mr. Finn was in No. 8 when the shock came and happily was not hurt, as he rescued many people alone, and was the indirect means of saving others. He helped to get out Mrs. A. L. Robinson and another stenographer, and several Japanese. He impressed a raft and towed it along, swimming at the side, thus saving several men by getting them aboard a Standard Oil launch. After the first rush, it would seem natural that he should think of himself, but he stayed on at Yokohama for four days rescuing scores of people each day, coming to Kobe on the *Empress*.

Two-thirds of the Oriental Palace Hotel came down early in the disaster. 52 guests, it is said, being killed. Manager Cotte, who had such a fine record in the war, being among the victims; also the French cook and many servants.

Mr. Hawke, father of the famous tennis player, stopping there was instantly killed. Mrs. Hawke being rescued by a Mr. Thomas of Geelong, Australia, also a guest.

Mr. Michael Apear, the popular gentleman-jockey, had been ill for two weeks of a dangerous fever, but for feeling better that morning he insisted on going down stairs, thus saving his life. His mother, Diana Apear, Armenian Consul's wife and all the family were safe. His sisters, Miss Ruth Apear, the singer and Mrs. Galstann, were at Ashigaya and were unhurt, and are now in Kobe.

Mr. Charles Miller was in his office and was rather badly hurt. His wife was at some springs and others of his family safe, but his elder daughter Charlotte, was in the home, 52, Bluff, and by the complete collapse of the building was without doubt instantly killed.

One of the party of the Kobe relief ship writes: "It is impossible to portray or describe Yokohama. It is not within the power of words to exaggerate the catastrophe. Yokohama is only a name. It is no less, more memory than Pompeii, sorrow. As one looked one could but pray that every remaining soul might abandon the place as God seemed to have abandoned it. Nevertheless, along with the stout hearts among the Japanese there were still some of our own men the clasp of whose hand made the heart jump: like the older Mr. Laffin with his sons, to whom I said that he was the most talked of man in two ports; the Rev. Eustace Strong of Christ Church with his prayer-book in his pocket

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and his briar between his teeth, Mr. A. W. McLean of Butterfield & Swire with iodine and lint, and doubtless still others whom we did not chance to meet. As we reached the Bund and saw the *Wani O'hara* sail without us, a day sooner than had been expected, we felt less lonely knowing that these good men were there and that we could spend the night with them on board a man-of-war."

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THE CALAMITY IN JAPAN. JAPANESE INSURANCE COMPANIES "PERPLEXED."

The following is taken from the *Japan Chronicle*:

There have been many rumours about the Japanese fire insurance companies paying claims in spite of the earthquake clause, some reports saying that the Government was guaranteeing the amount up to 80 per cent. It would need a large national loan to do this, and there might be some objections to the taxation that this would entail. The rumour of the Japanese companies paying was telegraphed to England, but as a matter of fact, nothing definite has yet been decided by the fire insurance companies as to claims. In an interview with the Government authorities on the 10th instant, says the *Asahi*, Mr. Kagami, the representative of the Insurance Association, did not commit himself to any clear-cut course of action in the matter. A meeting of the members has been held since, but the subject was not brought forward. It is reported that a second meeting will come off shortly somewhere in the Han-shin district. This place has been fixed upon in order to secure the attendance of the foreign firms whose staffs have taken refuge in Kobe and neighbourhood. The problem is a very big one. Estimating the insured amount at ¥2,000,000,000 (these were the insured values in 1921) the aggregate capital and reserve funds of the companies do not come to 10 per cent. of this sum. If claims are pressed upon the companies, the result will be the bankruptcy of the entire business. Unless the Government will go shares with them, no satisfactory solution will be possible, adds the *Osaka* paper, evidently using the word "share" as meaning something over 50 per cent.—a sum that would go a long way toward rebuilding the two cities but which, handed out to the claimants, would be only partially so applied.

In this connection the *Asahi* reports that the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, wishing that claims may be met by the insurers to some extent, suggested that the Association have a general meeting of members at Tokyo. Notice was given to the members in Osaka in the name of Mr. Kakami, the President, through the Governor of Osaka. On Wednesday (12th instant) the Osaka members declined the invitation on the ground that they are not in a position to choose any course of action independently of the foreign firms, in view of the re-insurance taken out with them to the extent of a little less than 40 per cent., whereas the staffs of the foreign insurance companies who have taken refuge in Kobe, will not go up to Tokyo. Nor are the Japanese members at Osaka prepared to stay out the whole conference. Therefore they hoped that the meeting would be held in the Han-shin district, so that a full attendance might be ensured.

According to a Reuter message, the announcement that the Japanese insurance companies have decided to pay in full the losses incurred in fire and earthquake without availing themselves of the earthquake clause, is of very immediate concern to the British companies with which the Japanese companies are re-insured. The consensus of opinion on the London insurance market is that the Japanese companies cannot pay claims which are not strictly covered by the policies without consultation with the re-insuring companies. If the Japanese companies admit claims which are not covered by the original policies, the extent of the liability of the re-insuring companies will be a matter for negotiation and readjustment. The message to which Reuter refers was probably cabled by some enthusiast who thought it would make a splendid impression, and perhaps elicit an immediate response in the British companies. If this was the object, the inspirer of the message must be very disappointed.

BARON DEN'S APPEAL TO PITY.
Baron Den, the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, is quoted by several papers as stating that the sufferers from the fire whose property has been insured expect to have their claims met, though not in full. If they were ignored it would create a perilous situation affecting the whole nation. From the technical standpoint, the insurer is under no obligation to make the losses good, but this is not a time for standing on technicalities, rather should goodwill have a large place, the Minister says. The amount insured reaches ¥2,250,000,000 in round numbers, 80 per cent. of which is shared by foreign companies. To them also the Government is going to appeal in the name of sympathy. The fire insurance companies in Japan possess means to cover only 10 per cent. of the losses if made to pay out all. The Government's plan is to get the companies to meet the claims to an extent that will not ruin them. The Government is willing to add something to the amount they pay. What that something will be depends on how far they will go.

[This scheme has the advantage—from the Japanese point of view—of squeezing the foreign insurance companies heavily.]

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BANK SECURITIES AT YOKOHAMA RECOVERED. THE WORK OF "THE ROYAL NAVY."

Much has been heard of the splendid work done by the British Mercantile Marine and the Mercantile Marine of other nations, but nothing has been told of the work of the British Naval Authorities in connection with the great disaster in Japan. Of course we all know that the Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet (Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson) is there on the flagship *Hawkins* and that other vessels have been sent to assist in the rescue and salvage work at Yokohama. All they have done—and all they are doing will probably never be made public unless the Admiral's despatches are published.

But it need hardly be said that they are doing good work. Yesterday we learned from the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen) that the Commander-in-Chief and his staff had been most helpful, among other things, in saving many valuable securities belonging to the banks. They were recovered mostly intact.

The Hon. Mr. Stephen added that the Commander-in-Chief had placed his flagship at the disposal of those engaged in salvage work and the free use of the Naval wireless service was also accorded them. The Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Yokohama (Mr. Wright) in a cable to the Chief Manager, expresses his appreciation of the services rendered by the Admiral and staff in recovering the bank's property.

With a view to enlarging on this subject, a representative called on the Naval Secretary yesterday, but was informed that no details had been received in Hongkong as to the operations in Japan. Nothing would probably be known until the Admiral returned to port himself.

BARON SHIBUSAWA'S VIEW.

Baron Shibusawa, who is managing the affairs of the Earthquake Relief Association, said that the urgent needs of the present moment were to help put insolvent bankers on their feet and assist insurance business to meet the claims to some extent. There is no use in saying that bankers and insurers absolutely cannot pay. There has got to be some way to solve the difficulty. The association will co-operate with the Government and do its utmost to put the sufferers at ease.

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES' ATTITUDE.

On the other hand, the insurance companies take a firm attitude, and say that of ¥2,000,000,000 insured, ¥1,645,550,000 is on the shoulders of the foreign firms, who will not be prevailed upon to pay out. Some of them in Kobe talk about giving up their whole business in Japan and returning home. The British insurers are the claims up to 50 per cent. after the San Francisco calamity, but the losses there were nothing to what Japan has suffered now, and they saw in their voluntary payment a clever business move. [This is hardly the point. The British companies at that time had no earthquake clause, and they paid up accordingly, though the strain was great. But they have definitely refused to take such risks since, except for an extra premium, which insurers have almost unanimously refused to pay.]

The assets of the Japanese companies consist of ¥81,135,000 in paid-up capital, and ¥45,520,000 in legal reserve, making ¥126,655,000, which would be available immediately. Add to it ¥132,656,000 deposited with the Government and ¥5,971,000 reserved by the foreign companies. The total is a drop in a bucket compared with the losses. ¥215,335,000, the balance of capital, if called, would scarcely mend matters. Nor is it advisable to have the Government advance funds at low rate of interest, to meet the claims in part. A business under a large burden of debt would be heretofore stretched and the claims paid as far as possible, how should other policies be dealt with? In case, again, another great fire occur, would the Government help the insurer as in this?

The Seiyukai in the main approved of the plan for Government advances to be made to the companies at low rate of interest, but is against any scheme shifting the whole of the claims on to the Government. The payment mooted is not a legal obligation, but an expedient in relief work. A vast sum of money should not be used for the insured only. It is only fair that those who had no means to take advantage of insurance should share in the beneficence.

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THE SHIPPING CONTROL CONTROVERSY.

INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

ILLUMINATING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

A representative of this paper had a long and interesting interview, yesterday, with the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E.) on the vexed subject of the Shipping Control Controversy. A number of questions, most of which were hostile to the Government's point of view, were put to Mr. Fletcher and these he discussed in a very frank and open manner.

Amongst the allegations laid against the Hongkong Government are these (they have already appeared in both the Shanghai Press and the local Press but there is no harm in repeating them): (1) that the Government commandeered certain vessels for the simple purpose of making money out of them; (2) that these vessels were used by the Government for profiteering; (3) that the treatment of the owners of these vessels by the Government was pitiless and resulted in one Company going into bankruptcy.

For the purpose of simplifying matters, the questions put to the Colonial Secretary are printed in italics and his replies follow immediately after each question.

THESE INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOME.

1.—One point the Hongkong Government make is that an action lies against them, as they only acted as agents for the Imperial Government. Are not the Shipping Companies, however, bound to take action against them, as the party who actually requisitioned the ships and to this moment hold the money earned by them? How can the shippers themselves prove the existence of instructions which they have never seen regarding the transfer of liability? If a man found a bag in his room he could naturally for at him without any consideration as to whether he was working under instruction from a "Mr. Fagin."

The Colonial Secretary replied that the shippers were quite right in bringing their action against the Hongkong Government. "They had to 'shoot' somewhere and at someone, and so they shot at us. I don't blame them in the least for that. They had to try and get in somewhere, but they knew well enough our defence was that under the Indemnity Act we were not liable, and if the action had not been stayed I don't know what action the Court would have taken, but it is more than likely that the whole thing would have been referred Home. Mr. Fletcher, speaking of the Indemnity Act (which took the form of the Indemnity Ordinance in this Colony), asked what would have happened if the case had been sent Home and the Hongkong shippers had been successful? The Imperial Government would have been faced with a grave issue of having to meet claims from all the big Shipping Companies at Home—the Cunard, the White Star, the Elderline, and others. There would have been huge claims, also, from munition companies, railways and so on, and the bill would have been enormous. When the Indemnity Act was under discussion in the House of Commons the question was asked whether the operation of the Act would not be hard on the people concerned, and the reply was to the effect that if the Act was not passed the estimated amount required by the Government to meet such claims would be £900,000,000. (Mr. Fletcher was not sure of this figure but he thought it was about the sum stated by him). Our obvious defence was, of course, that we were simply acting on instructions from the Imperial Government."

As to the second part of the question, concerning these instructions from the Home Government, the Colonial Secretary said the shipowners in Hongkong knew all about them. The Government and the owners worked in very close co-operation. Mr. S. T. Williamson, Chairman of the Shipowners' Protection Association, and at that time Messrs. Muller and Co.'s Hongkong representative, worked in close co-operation with the Government. "Up to the present," added Mr. Fletcher, "the shipowners have brought no negative proof to the effect that they did not know of the existence of these instructions."

THE POWERS OF THE HOME GOVERNMENT.

2.—How could the requisition of their vessels be regarded as legal merely because it was carried out, as alleged, on the instructions of the Home Government, whose powers at that time did not extend by any legal instrument to Hongkong?

"How on earth did we know that?" exclaimed the Colonial Secretary. "All this was happening in the early part of 1918. The Germans started their great offensive on March 21st, 1918, and, as you know, our backs were against the wall. The pressure of work on the Imperial Government at Home at that time was enormous. At that time if we wired Home for instructions on any particular point we received no reply to our cables. We were simply left to do the best we could. Put yourself in the position of the Imperial Government," proceeded Mr. Fletcher, "they were fighting with their backs against the wall. What would you have done under the circumstances?" Mr. Fletcher answered the question himself by adding: "There was only one thing for it, and that was to carry on as best we could and we did. Of course, it was later found that we were fully covered in our actions and that we were quite right in what we did."

THE COMMODORE'S POWERS.

3.—If the ships were in all cases requisitioned by the Commodore in the name of the Admiralty, how was it that the Commodore, in our letter referred to, addressed Mr. Muller & Co. to the Hongkong Government when they wanted information concerning one of their vessels?

The Colonial Secretary replied that the Shipping Controller's representative in Hongkong was Colonel Thomson, whose official title was Deputy Shipping Controller. He, in the first place, presented a list of the ships to be requisitioned to the Commodore and to the Hongkong Government. It was the Commodore's part of the work actually to requisition the ships and to see that they were handed over to the proper sources of operation. The Hongkong Government worked in the capacity of Managers of the concern, and naturally any correspondence received by the Commodore concerning the management of the vessels was referred by him to the Hongkong Government.

THE VOICE OF JACOB.

4.—Would it be correct to say that the ships might have been requisitioned, as it were, on the Commodore's non-paper, but actually they were at the disposal of the Hongkong Government? In other words, the "hand was the hand of Jacob but the voice was the voice of Jacob?"

"Well, it is not exactly correct to say 'at the disposal of the Hongkong Government,'" replied the Colonial Secretary, "but it was correct in so far that we were the managers of the concern. The Deputy Shipping Controller in Hongkong (Col. Thomson) would request the Commodore to requisition such and such a ship. The Commodore would do so and then write to the Hongkong Government in something like the following terms: 'I hereby notify you that, in accordance with the Shipping Controller's instructions, I have requisitioned the s.s. _____ and that this vessel is now placed under your care as managers.' There was no subterfuge about the business at all; it was all quite open."

THE "WOLLOORA" CASE.

5.—Is it correct to say that the s.s. "Wolloora" was actually requisitioned on the suggestion of a private party in lieu of another ship which the Shipping Controller had intended to requisition but to which objections were raised by the local representative?

"The Wolloora was requisitioned under a different scheme altogether," explained the Colonial Secretary. "It had nothing to do with the scheme out of which this controversy has arisen. She was requisitioned on the 30th November, 1917, for the purpose of replacing the s.s. *Barracouta*, which had been requisitioned by the Shipping Controller. The *Wolloora* was not considered suitable for Imperial Government work and the *Barracouta* was, but the *Wolloora* was considered suitable for carrying coal to the Colony and it was for this purpose that she was requisitioned." All this happened some time before the controversial scheme came into force, which was on the 15th April, 1918, six months later. Referring to the correspondence on the subject, Mr. Fletcher said that the Vinal Requisition Committee reported to the Government on the 20th November, 1917, in the following minute:

"In view of the importance of supplying the Colony with coal at reasonable rates it was agreed to recommend that the *Wolloora*, a boat unsuitable for Admiralty requirements, be requisitioned to take the *Barracouta's* place."

Later, when the new scheme came into force in April, 1918, the s.s. *Wolloora* was naturally transferred into the scheme.

RUNNING EXPENSES.

6.—Have not the Companies a legitimate grievance in the fact that they were paid, for wages, repairs and other running costs, at a sterling rate which did not cover the number of dollars disbursed by them?

The Colonial Secretary answered that this question had been taken up with the Shipping Controller. He had strongly urged that, in view of the increase in prices and the rise in exchange, the remuneration should be payable as to half at 1s. 6d. to the dollar and half at the rate of the day. This was refused. The Deputy Shipping Controller in Hongkong also made representations. It was pointed out that the vessels brought under local requisition were mostly old and in more or less bad condition, with the result that the cost of repair and upkeep was unduly high. The Shipping Controller's reply was to the effect that payments to owners in the East should not be greater than those paid at Home. "We tried hard to get easier terms and I don't think we could have done anything more," Mr. Fletcher added, however, that he was still negotiating with Mr. Williamson, the Chairman of the Shipowners' Protection Association, on the matter.

A CHALLENGE.

7.—Did the Companies not also suffer a loss, not entirely due to their carelessness, in insuring their vessels?

"I challenge any of the owners to come forward and say that they insured their ships against war risks," replied Mr. Fletcher emphatically. "They all knew that the Government accepted war risks on the vessels requisitioned. This was clearly explained to the owners by the Government. For the first three months after the scheme came into operation the Government insured the vessels, but later the Government itself accepted the war risks."

Mr. Fletcher added that Mr. Barkill was the only one who appeared to contest the point with his two vessels—the *Wolloora* and the *Patriot*—but no claim was forthcoming. If they had insured their vessels against war risk, why had they not applied for a refund? Not one of them had done so.

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CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. J. R. Wood, Vice-President of the Civil Service Cricket Club, presided at the annual meeting of the Club held last evening at the Club premises, the President of the Club, Sir Claud Severn, being at present absent from the Colony. The Chairman was supported by Mr. Colin Sara (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. G. H. Haskett (Hon. Treasurer).

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts for the past year the Chairman said that the number of members was very satisfactory. There were 214. He referred with feeling to the death of one of their members, Mr. Lloyd.

A message of congratulation had been sent to Sir Claud Severn on his being knighted.

The financial position of the Club was not so good as it was last year. They were really \$300 down on the year's working. The report and accounts were adopted.

Mr. Haskett moved an alteration to rule 7 dealing with the annual subscription. He moved that this be increased from \$10 to \$15. He pointed out that this was the obvious thing to do owing to the Club's financial position. The sum of \$10 was very low in view of all that was provided by the Club.

Mr. Tatchi seconded the motion. Mr. Grimmett moved as an amendment that the annual subscription be doubled—\$20. Mr. Glanville seconded the amendment.

The Secretary spoke in favour of the motion and pointed out that as far back as 1905 it was proposed that the subscription should be raised from \$10 to \$15. If it was considered necessary in 1905 it was surely necessary in 1923.

Mr. Brown thought the subscription should not be altered. If they put it up they would lose a lot of money. Mr. Hallidge spoke against the increase in subscription, stating that the members ought not to be asked to pay more unless it was going to be something to benefit the present members and not for some mythical club house which might or might not materialise.

On the amendment being put to the meeting it was lost, but the original motion that the subscription be raised from \$10 to \$15 was carried, by 35 votes to 12.

Mr. R. S. Vergette moved that original members of the Club when it was founded 20 years ago and who had remained constant members of the Club be elected life members. This was seconded by Mr. Deakin.

The Secretary said that as far as they could gather there were only two such members entitled to this honour. They were Mr. Lambie and Mr. R. W. Witherell. The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lambie suitably replied and said that when he first came to the Colony in 1902 he was successful in picking out a cricket eleven out of the Sanitary Board. In the following year a number of other Government Departments followed suit and the result was that they banded together and formed the Civil Service Club. Thanks to the good offices of Mr. Chatham they were able to get a decent ground. Since the formation of the Club it had grown into the prosperous concern that it was to-day.

The election of Officers was next proceeded with and the following were elected: Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Sara; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Haskett; Secretary, Mr. Taylor; Captain (1st XI), Mr. A. E. Wood; Vice-Captain, Mr. G. R. Sayer; Captain (2nd XI), Mr. C. Sara; Cricket Representative, Mr. E. J. Ling; Bowls Representative, Mr. S. Alderman; Tennis Representative, Mr. F. A. E. Bullock; Greenanger, Mr. F. Allan; Official Umpire, Mr. Lambie; Scorer, Mr. Massey.

The General Committee elected was: Messrs. Vergette, Lambie, Deakin, Grimmett, Edmonds, Holdman and Tatchi. Several minor matters were then attended to and the meeting was closed.

GOOD HEAVENS!

8.—Does the Government deny the allegation that there was preferential treatment in regard to the requisitioning of ships in their waters?

"Good Heavens!" ejaculated Mr. Fletcher. "We were grubbing round for every available ship we could lay hands on. Look at this," and the Colonial Secretary turned up correspondence to prove his statement. "We were actually compelled to take little 'tubs' like the *Ambers* (241 tons), the *Corcoran* (214 tons), and the *Hok Canton* (285 tons) and yet they say there was preferential treatment! There certainly was a 'grub' that certain big river steamers were not requisitioned from the Yangtze and the Canton Rivers, but we were emphatically informed by the Shipping Controller that that such ships were not to be requisitioned."

THE FIFTY-FIFTY BASIS.

9.—If the Government thought it fair to settle the dispute on a fifty-fifty basis, what has happened in the meantime to change their mind?

Mr. Fletcher said that this was discussed but the suggestion did not come to anything, as the Government had learned that such a scheme "would undoubtedly have failed to secure the Secretary of State's sanction."

IS IT AN UNCONDITIONAL GIFT?

10.—If the Imperial Government have left the money in the hands of the local Government is it merely a qualified gift in the sense that the Home Government still retains full discretion as to the manner in which it shall be employed?

"There was no binding contract," said Mr. Fletcher. "It was simply an arrangement in which we had to take the risks of the scheme. If there were losses we would have had to meet them and vice versa."

SPORT.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

AQUATIC FESTIVAL.

LAST NIGHT'S SWIMMING.

There were several interesting events in the third night's programme of the annual aquatic festival, held at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday evening.

In the long plunge (open to the Colony) there were four entries and Garrod was far and away the best with a distance of 397 ft. 3 ins.

H.E. the Governor was present, together with Commodore Grae and Mrs. and Miss Grace. The attendance was good and the affair passed off without a hitch.

Results:—

Four Lengths' Handicap for Members. —1. H. Dunlop, 68.3-seconds; 2. A. A. R. Botelho, 64.2-seconds.

Long Plunge, open.—1. S. H. Garrod, 397 ft. 3 ins.; 2. J. R. Soares, 311 ft. 4 ins.; 220 Yards Championship of the Colony. —1. A. F. May, 21.2-seconds; 2. A. E. Brodie, 23.1-seconds.

Two Lengths' Handicap for Army and Navy.—1. S. Wood, 30.2-seconds; 2. Pickett, 38.1-seconds.

Four Lengths' Handicap, ladies, open. —1. Miss M. Blunsdon, 1 min. 21-seconds; 2. Miss R. Kitchell, 1 min. 43.1-seconds.

Two Lengths' Team Race for Members. —1. Norenha's team.

100 Yards Championship for H.M. Forces.—1. McDade, 66.3-seconds; 2. Wood, 76-seconds.

FOOTBALL.

MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division 1.—Kick-off, 5.15 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. Hongkong Police, Club ground. Referee: Mr. Williams.

H.M.S. *Tamara* v. H.M.S. *Diomedes*, Soakunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Wakeham.

Kowloon v. King's Regt., Kowloon ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

Division 11.—Kick-off, 4 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. King's Regt., Club ground. Referee: Mr. Ford.

St. Joseph's v. H.M.S. *Diomedes*, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Bailey.

R.C.A. v. Sacred Heart, Soakunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Spencer.

H.M.S. *Tamara* v. Kowloon, Soakunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Thidesley.

South China "A" v. South China "B", South China ground. Referee: Mr. Greer.

King's teams for to-day:—

v. Kowloon, at Kowloon, 5.15 p.m.: Blace, Wynne and Williams; Newton, Hodgson and Barlow; Williams, Dangerfield, L. Jones, Forshaw and Beesley.

v. H.K. Club, at 4 p.m.: Holland; McCann and L. Bailey; Hayter, Kitchell and Jones; Love, Rigby, Mornan, Carr and Croxley.

GARRISON FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Garrison Football League Competition has been continued during the week, some exciting matches have been witnessed.

On Saturday last King's H.Q. "A" team met "D" Co. King's and after a hard fought game obtained the points by the only goal of the match.

"C" Co. King's should have played 27th Co. R.A.M.C. but for some reason the R.A.M.C. failed to turn out.

On Monday 83rd Co. R.G.A. beat 88th Co. R.G.A. by 2 goals to 1.

On Tuesday King's H.Q. "A" team played hard fought game with "B" Co. and after being in arrears at the interval managed to win by the odd goal in five.

"D" Co. King's beat 94th Co. R.G.A. on Wednesday afternoon by a lucky goal scored early in the first half.

On Thursday King's H.Q. "A" team played 88th Co. R.G.A. and obtained the points by the score of nine goals to nil.

83rd Co. R.G.A. surprised "B" Co. King's and won by two goals to one.

A fine game was seen on Friday evening when "C" Co. King's met the H.Q. "B" team. "C" Co. set the pace in the first half and were two goals ahead at the interval. The Headquarters men got together in the second half and two fine goals from Wynne made the score equal. After this both sides were awarded a penalty kick but neither was converted. Result: 2-2.

WEEKS' RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

King's H.Q. "A" 1 "D" Co. King's 0
83rd Co. R.G.A. 2 88th Co. R.G.A. 1
King's H.Q. "A" 3 "B" Co. King's 2
"D" Co. King's 1 94th Co. R.G.A. 0
King's H.Q. "A" 9 88th Co. R.G.A. 0
83rd Co. R.G.A. 2 "B" Co. King's 1
"C" Co. King's 2 King's H.Q. "B" 2

LEAGUE TABLE INCLUDING FRIDAY NIGHTS RESULTS.

TEAMS.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
King's H.Q. "A"	4	4	0	0	19	2	8
King's "C" Co.	3	2	1	0	7	3	5
King's "A" Co.	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
King's "D" Co.	4	2	0	0	2	5	4
83rd Co. R.G.A.	3	2	0	1	4	5	4
King's H.Q. "B"	2	1	1	0	3	2	2
King's "B" Co.	2	1	1	0	3	2	2
84th Co. R.G.A.	3	0	0	3	1	8	0
27th Co. R.A.M.C.	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
88th Co. R.G.A.	4	0	0	4	2	20	0

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DREAMY MELODY ... (I'D LOVE TO ...
RIVER SHANNON MOON ... 3680 (THE SNEAK ...
HONEY MOON ... (SAY IT WHILE DANCING ...
VICTOR HERBERT ... 3684 (SNAKE HIPS ...
GIPSY LOVE SONG ... (FARWELL BLUES ...
AFTER EVERY PARTY ... 3611 (STUMBLING ...
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to put up for Sale by PUBLIC AUCTION.

THURSDAY.

the 11th day of October, 1923, at 3 p.m. at the Auction Rooms of Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, At No. 3, DUNDRELL STREET.

The following Property:— A DWELLING HOUSE known as No. 5, HILL ROAD, VICTORIA.

in the Colony of Hongkong and situated upon the REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION B OF MARINE LOT No. 188 and the REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION C OF MARINE LOT No. 189. The area of the property is 5,771 square feet and it is held for the term of 999 years from June, 1891, subject to the Crown Rents of \$134 and \$26 6d.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale can be obtained at the Auction Rooms or from the Undersigned.

Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS, HENNESSY & BOWLEY, 1, Lower Victoria Road Central.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"EURYPILOS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at the Godowns. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godowns on and after 28th September.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd October, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th Oct., or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 24th September, 1923. [1350]

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th, and MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1923, commencing 3.15 P.M. each day.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. Spectators and Spectators in uniform Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Budgets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINSEAP & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th.

The Secretary invites the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. [1340]

S.S. "SONGHOI"

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

THE MORTGAGEES are invited up to the SIXTH day of OCTOBER, 1923, for the purchase of the above named vessel with all Boilers and various Auxiliary Machinery on board.

Terms and conditions may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of \$2,000, payable after decision on the 7th day of October.

The vessel was formerly known as the s.s. "HONG KONG" and previously as the s.s. "ORION."

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Port: After-Hongkong. Hull: 10,000. A Strong Steel Steamer. I.H.P. 6,000. Fitted with internal Electric Lighting.

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Breadth: 24' 6". Depth: 14' 6". Draft fully laden: 25' 6". Gross Tonnage: 4,284. Net: 2,085.

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Bunker Capacity: Main Bunker Tons 247. Stowage: 30. Engines and Boilers made by: Caird.

First Cabin accommodation: 44. Second Cabin accommodation: 634. The Ship is to be sold with all Life and Life-preservers, Life-boats, Deck Stores, Engine Room Stores, Comptrol's, Equipment, Silverware, Cutlery, Glassware, Cabin Fittings, Mattresses, Pillows, and Linen as they now are on board the vessel.

All Tenders shall be deemed to have inspected the Ship and the Purchaser will take the Ship her Tackle, Apparatus and Equipment, and with all the furniture in the condition in which they lie at the time the Contract for Sale is entered into.

Any Error Misstatements or Misdescription of Particulars shall not vitiate any Sale made in pursuance of any Tender received hereunder or entitle the Purchaser to compensation.

The Vendors shall not be concerned to see to the Registration of the Ship but will at the cost of the Purchaser execute a Mortgage a Bill of Sale in favour of the Purchaser.

The Vendors shall not be bound to accept the highest or any Tender.

Tenders will be received at the Office of the Undersigned, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, up to the SIXTH day of OCTOBER, 1923.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Mortgagees. [1227]

INTIMATIONS

S.S. "LOONGSANG"

THE Undersigned, from whom particulars can be obtained, invite OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE WRECK OF the above Vessel, as she now lies in Hongkong Harbour. The Wreck to be removed by purchaser in accordance with Conditions to be obtained from the Harbour Master.

GILMAN & CO., LTD. (Agents, THE SALVAGE ASSOCIATION, London). JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd. [1354]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM PORT SAID AND STRAIT.

THE Motor Vessel "GLENNOLE" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risks into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 1st October, 1923, at Noon, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 1st Oct., 1923, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for cargo short delivered, must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, 24th September, 1923. [1348]

S. "CAPITAINE FAURE"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, MIDDLESBROUGH, &c., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st October, 1923, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 6th October, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 1st October, 1923, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. R. RODENFUSER, Acting Agent, Hongkong, 25th Sept., 1923. [1349]

S.S. "ANGERS"

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, &c., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd October, 1923, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 7th October, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 2nd October, 1923, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. R. RODENFUSER, Acting Agent, Hongkong, 26th September, 1923. [1353]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "EUMAEUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at the Godowns. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godowns on and after 28th September.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st October, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th October, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 27th September, 1923. [1355]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Offices of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" have been removed to 1A CHATER ROAD (3rd floor), to which Address all Correspondence should be directed. Hongkong, 16th July, 1923.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

HONGKONG RELIEF FUND.

NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS LIST for the above Fund are open at the following places:— HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, CHARITABLE BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA, MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY, YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, HONGKONG CLUB.

Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.

By Order, D. K. BLAIR, Secretary, HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE, Hongkong, 10th September, 1923. [1297]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, DES VIGNES ROAD CENTRAL, on TUESDAY, the 23rd of OCTOBER, 1923, at 11 A.M.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd of September, to 2nd of October, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS, LAPELLE & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 13th September, 1923. [1311]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 8th OCTOBER, 1923 (both days inclusive).

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, on and after the 9th prox.

By Order of the Board, E. COCK, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, 17th September, 1923. [1307]

NOTICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order, M. MANUK, Secretary, Hongkong, 19th September, 1923. [1327]

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HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1923.

THE REVISION OF WEIHAIWEI.

The issue by H.M.'s Legation in Peking of the official text of the draft agreement for the rendition of Weihaiwei to China, before the signatures have been appended to it, is possibly intended to correct certain misapprehensions which have prevailed in influential Chinese circles regarding the document. The delay in signing the Agreement is, no doubt, partly due to the political chaos which has prevailed for so long in Peking, but the fact that the Provincial Assembly of Shantung, some time ago, registered a protest against the agreement has doubtless provided a very good reason or excuse for the delay. By the publication of the official text of the draft agreement we are able to see that the hostility of the Shantung Provincial Assembly is based, in one important particular at least, upon a misapprehension of the terms. The Assembly discussed the subject upon "information in its possession," secretly obtained, without having the actual text of the agreement before it. Among other things, it was said that "the agreement provided for the reservation of the naval port and anchorage at Liukungtao for the British Fleet in the Far East for a period of fifteen years." The official text says that "The British Government proposes to return the full sovereignty of Liukungtao to China; in return, China will allow the British Navy the use of the anchorage, after the Chinese Navy, for a period of years which may be extended by mutual agreement. The British Government does not ask compensation for the naval lands or buildings on the island, but, in return, the Chinese Government will loan certain lands and buildings to the British Navy for purposes of instruction and recreation." There is nothing in this incompatible with the British promise given at Washington. Lord Balfour, it may be recalled, said Weihaiwei, since

it came under the control of the British, a quarter of a century ago, had been used merely as a sanatorium or summer resort for ships of war coming up from the tropical or more southern portions of the China Station. "I doubt not," he said, "that arrangements can be made under which it will remain available for that innocent and healthful purpose in time to come. But Chinese sovereignty will now be restored," etc. The Chinese negotiators, acting, no doubt, on the instructions of the Government, have assented to these arrangements. The Agreement makes it clear that Liukungtao will not be opened to foreign trade and residence, but will be maintained by China as a naval base, under control of the Chinese Navy. There can be no question, therefore, that, although the British Navy, next to the Chinese Navy, will be allowed the use of the anchorage, the sovereignty will be China's. While the whole of the leased territory on the mainland will also be returned to China, a small portion will be set aside as an area for foreign trade and residence in which a special municipal area will be established. The future status of Weihaiwei will be that of a Treaty port. Foreign residents in China who have been accustomed for twenty years or more to regard Weihaiwei as a summer resort will be gratified to see that the conditions of the Agreement are such as should assure the future prosperity of the place as a holiday resort for foreigners, even if they do not clearly assure a development of its general trade and commerce. Not only does the Chinese Government agree to the Chinese Administrator of the territory being assisted, so far as the municipal area is concerned, by a Sino-Foreign Advisory Committee, but it is prepared to place certain specific land and buildings at the disposal of the British Government for use as a Consulate, Club, Golf Course and Cemetery. The Chinese Government also undertakes to maintain the existing police and sanitary regulations, under which the territory has been well governed during the past quarter of a century, and it is of importance to note that a portion of the revenue of the Customs will be devoted to this purpose. Very much depends, of course, upon the extent to which the Chinese Administrator follows the advice of the Sino-Foreign Committee in regard to the government of the municipal area, for it would be idle to disguise the fact that nowhere in China have the Chinese authorities yet shown capacity to govern a municipal area with that efficiency which the foreigner deems necessary in the interest of public health and public security. But it will be hoped that at places like Weihaiwei and Tientsin every effort will be made to maintain in the highest state of efficiency the models of municipal government they inherit there from the Powers who have created them, and that these places will retain their popularity as summer resorts.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., is opening a branch at Batavia on October 1st.

It is stated that the Arsenal at Canton forwarded to the East River front, by Canton-Kowloon Railway, on the 24th inst., 200,000 cartridges for use in the military campaign.

It has now been ascertained that nine persons were killed and five injured by the collapse of an arch at the Japan Relief Bazaar in the First Park at Canton on Wednesday. The arch collapsed during a storm.

The strike of cargo coolies at Canton continues. "On account of intimidation, no one dare touch the cargoes," says our Canton contemporary, who adds that the strike, if it continues much longer, will involve merchants in heavy loss.

Mr. J. R. Summers, who has been a member of the staff of the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, for the past two years in the capacity of secretary to the Consul-General, has been promoted by the Secretary of State of the United States to be American Vice-Consul at Hongkong.

CLAIM AGAINST THE ASTOR HOUSE.

TAILOR'S SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

The case was mentioned in the Summary Court, yesterday morning, in which Mr. W. P. Simpson, tailor, and Mrs. Simpson, of 53, Kennedy Road, are bringing an action against the Astor House Hotel for \$1,000 damages for improper distress. The Puisse Judge fixed the hearing of the case for next Thursday.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong St. Andrews Society was held in the City Hall yesterday evening.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen presided and was supported by Messrs. R. Sutherland, D. K. Blair (Hon. Secretary), J. W. R. McPhail (Hon. Treasurer), A. K. Henderson, J. Reid, A. O. Lung, and J. W. C. Bonner.

The CHAIRMAN, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, remarked that the Society was in a very healthy condition. Seventy-three new members had been enrolled during the year, and he hoped another 73 would be enrolled during the coming year. The Society had done nothing but good since it came into existence, and he hoped every Scotman in the Colony would become a member eventually. Their activities during the past year were well known to all present, and that every thing had gone off successfully was common knowledge. He hoped the Government would take notice of the remarks he had passed at the last St. Andrews ball, and provide the Colony with a new City Hall.

There was one thing he would like to mention, and that concerned the Scottish Company of the Volunteers. He was told that the Company had been hardly maintained at full strength. He was sorry to hear that. The martial spirit of Scotsmen was as strong to-day as ever it was, and during the War, when the great coming-out took place, the yield in Scots was the smallest in Great Britain. Quite apart from keeping themselves fit and being of use in the defence of the Colony, every Scotsman should consider it a privilege to don the kilt.

He hoped the Company would soon reach its full strength, and that every young Scotsman would roll up during the coming season.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. DAVID GOW seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The officers were then elected as follows:— President, Mr. R. Sutherland. Vice-President, Mr. J. Reid. Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. K. Blair. Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. W. R. McPhail. Committee, Messrs. A. K. Henderson, Dr. C. Forsyth, W. Nicholson, George Hogg, and J. B. Ross.

Mr. R. SUTHERLAND briefly expressed his appreciation at being elected President of the Society, and remarked that he had been connected with St. Andrews in Shanghai and Hongkong since 1895.

It was decided to hold a St. Andrews ball on November 30th, as usual.

He concluded the business of the meeting.

A FATHER'S OPINION OF HIS SON.

ASKS MAGISTRATE TO ORDER "A GOOD THRASHING."

When the aged father came forward to plead, ostensibly on behalf of his son, who was charged before the Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) with theft, yesterday morning, the Court prepared for tears. Instead, there came the following amazing tirade:—

"This," pointing to the youth bitterly, "is my son. He refuses to go to school, and continually uses perfume. Perfume is filthy stuff, and I am always upbraiding him for using it, at the best he is only a coolie." Then came the unkindest cut of all,—"He wears his hair in the American fashion," continued the father wrathfully, "but he is as ignorant as any pig. I can do nothing with him myself, and I only hope your Worship will give him a good thrashing."

The boy (aged 16) was charged with the theft of a pair of spats, perfume, and white cleaning material, from Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., where he was employed as a coolie. He was charged alternately, with receiving the goods, and his mother also appeared on the latter charge.

Det.-Sect. Neill told the Court that Lane Crawford's had been continually missing goods from the clothing department since defendant had been with them. One day an anonymous "phone message was received to the effect that if the firm sent the police round to the youth's house, 22 Cross Street, they would find certain goods belonging to them. The police went round, and the articles forming the subject of the charge were discovered.

Defendant admitted taking the goods, but said he found them on the floor, and thought they had been abandoned because of mildew.

This admission being tantamount to a plea of guilty, the police dropped the charges of receiving against the youth and his mother, and proceeded with the theft charge only.

The lad was sentenced to a month's hard labour, and the mother discharged.

BIG MATCHED FIRE.

Shortly after eight o'clock last night an outbreak of fire occurred in some contractors' matchsheds at the upper end of Wongwuchong Gap.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

UNREST IN GERMANY.

RUHR WORKERS ORDERED TO RESUME WORK.

Berlin, September 27th.
The Minister for the Occupied Territory has issued a manifesto to the population of the Ruhr ordering a resumption of work.

Munich, September 27th.

The situation up to the present is most calm.

The crowds which assembled at the various meetings learned of the interdiction and dispersed quietly.

GERMANY'S TWO DICTATORS ARE THEY RIVALS?

London, September 27th.

As has been briefly indicated in earlier cable messages, Germany has the unique distinction of two dictators: an Imperial dictator in the shape of Herr Goessler, Minister of Defence, and a Bavarian dictator in the shape of Von Kahr. Whether they are rivals, or complementary to each other, events will show, as the despatches from Berlin and from Munich are not clear on the subject.

The opinion in Diplomatic circles in London as regards the action of the Reich, is that it was in the nature of a precaution against a reactionary revolution rather than against the Communists. The danger to the Reich of a combination of Bavaria's rival reactionaries, dominated respectively by Von Kahr and Hitler, has been averted for the time being by Von Kahr's pronouncements and acts against the followers of Hitler, whose advocacy of State Socialism he strongly opposes.

EARLIER CABLES.

HERR EBERT'S SWIFT ACTION.

Berlin, September 27th.

It appears that Herr Ebert issued a decree proclaiming a state of emergency throughout Germany immediately after a meeting of the Imperial Government, which was convoked at midnight in consequence of the news of the appointment of a Bavarian dictator. That completely surprised the Government, as the aims of his organisation were hitherto regarded as practically indistinguishable from those of Hitler's. According to a telegram from Munich, Von Kahr's first action was to prohibit fourteen mass meetings of the National Socialists tonight, unless Hitler guaranteed there would be no disorder.

RUHR COMMUNISTS CONTROL WORKERS.

Duesseldorf, September 27th.

The Ruhr Communists have declared a general strike in the mines, and the trade unions have lost control of the situation and are unable to influence the men. Work has already ceased in five or six mines in the districts of Heeklinghausen, Gelsenkirchen and Wanne.

THE DANGER OF A REVOLUTION.

Berlin, September 27th.

During collisions last night at Annaberg, in Saxony, between Nationalists and workmen, one person was killed and 25 were injured.

Munich, September 27th.

The Bavarian People's Party organ, in an attack on General Ludendorff who it is well known is behind the Hitler movement, warns him that if he provokes a revolution he will be fulfilling the French hopes, as the latter will intervene. Ludendorff has replied, denying that he has the least intention of procuring a revolution.

Berlin, September 27th.

A Gazette rescinds all passive resistance orders.

LATEST CABLES.

BOOM IN WELSH TIN PLATE INDUSTRY.

ORDERS CONTINUING TO ARRIVE FROM JAPAN.

London, September 27th.

One British industry that is not suffering a slump is the Welsh tin plate industry, which is working full capacity.

Ten new mills are to be erected shortly, and substantial orders continue to arrive from Japan in connection with the work of reconstruction.

UNITY OF THE EMPIRE.

NECESSARY TO WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

London, September 27th.

Mr. Massey (Premier of New Zealand) has arrived in England to attend the Imperial Conference.

He travelled via the United States, where he visited President Coolidge.

Interviewed by Reuter's at Southampton, he declared that Great Britain's only hope of finding new markets to replace lost European markets lay in the overseas countries of the Empire; similarly, Great Britain was the best market for the Dominions.

New Zealand had, within recent years, greatly increased the number of commodities on which preference was given to Great Britain. New Zealand was prepared to go still farther, but she must move with the British Government. "We realise the truth that, united we stand, divided we fall" and hope that when the Dominion representatives return they will be able to report that the Empire is securely united."

Mr. Massey said he favoured official interpretation of the constitutional position which would be used when difficulties occurred, and he declared that the British Empire, to day, was more necessary than ever to the welfare and peace of the world.

The New Zealand Naval force was only a nucleus of that intended for the protection of trade routes, and he entirely approved of the Singapore base as he believed it was necessary to the interests of Australasia.

ABYSSINIA TO JOIN LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Geneva, September 27th.

The Assembly of the League of Nations voted unanimously in favour of the admission of Abyssinia.

MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Tehran, September 27th.

Several earthquake shocks were experienced at Kerman to-day. Much damage was caused.

INTERNATIONAL POLO.

Westbury, September 27th.

In the Waterbury Cup Polo Match, Moultonbrook defeated the British Army by 10 goals to 9 after playing an extra chukka.

EARLIER CABLES.

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM.

SUGGESTED MEASURES FOR LIMITATION.

Geneva, September 27th.

The League Assembly has adopted the resolution submitted by the Opium Committee, including a resolution urging the countries which have not yet ratified the Opium Convention of 1912 to do so soon, and apply its provisions. Mr. Chao Hsin-chu declared that the best means to control the traffic were to ratify and apply the Convention. Dame Edith Lytton announced that Great Britain approved the proposal for two conferences, the first one a conference of interested Governments to devise practical measures to reduce the consumption of opium in countries where its use was temporarily maintained, and especially for the suppression of opium production in China; and secondly a conference of all the members of the League and all parties to the Convention of 1912. The Maharajah Nawabgarh declared that the Government of India would co-operate with the League, while Mirza Im (Persia) urged that the economic character of the opium production in Persia required consideration.

SEAPLANE RACING AT COWES.

London, September 27th.

At Cowes the contest for the Schneider Cup opened auspiciously. The British seaplane Black Burn Napier-taxed across the starting line, heading westward, lost its balance, then capsized and sank. The pilot was unhurt.

BERLIN TO LONDON IN SIX HOURS.

London, September 27th.

The airman Robertson, piloting an eleven-seater De Havilland 34 aeroplane, flew from Berlin to London in six hours, which is record time.

THE PEACE OF EUROPE.

MR. BALDWIN'S IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

London, September 27th.

Mr. Baldwin, in his first public appearance since he saw M. Poincare, addressing students at the Philip Stott College, near Northampton, said the whole question of the present situation of Europe, in the world must be expounded and debated at one of the early meetings of the Imperial Conference.

Peace above all was his object, and in that spirit he was endeavouring to deal with the situation in Europe, which must be debated at an early meeting of the Imperial Conference. He at present could only say that when he assumed office there was an atmosphere of restraint, almost distrust, between France and Britain. It had been his good fortune in the interview with M. Poincare to help to restore the atmosphere of confidence, "no more and no less." He continued: "But I think there is now both in Paris and in London a recognition of the importance of the Entente in this way, that without it a European settlement would be far more difficult. Indeed events during the last two or three weeks pointed that to those who have eyes to see, the best hope of a settlement lies in intimate relationship between France and Britain."

BRITISH LABOUR PARTY'S APPREHENSIONS.

London, September 27th.

The conference of the Trade Union Congress and the executive of the Labour Party has passed a resolution demanding that Mr. Baldwin immediately convokes Parliament in view of the gravity of the situation in Germany and its consequent inevitable effect on trade and employment in Britain.

ITALY AND GREECE.

CORFU EVACUATED.

Athens, September 27th.

Corfu was handed over to the Greeks this morning.

Corfu, September 27th.

The town is in perfect order under the resumed civil administration and no threats have been made against the Italians by the citizens, hence the population were surprised to see four Italian dreadnoughts and seven destroyers reappear from behind the island of Vido and anchor before the town. The cause of this reappearance is unknown.

POPULACE WELCOME GREEK GOVERNOR.

Corfu, Sept. 27th.

The apprehensions of the population were dispelled when the evacuation began. The Italian flag was lowered amid salutes by the Italian fleet and a Greek destroyer, and the Italian flagship saluted the Greek flag when it was hoisted. Forty thousand inhabitants welcomed the Governor when he landed, and shouldered him to the prefecture. British and French flags were waved by the crowd which demonstrated enthusiastically in front of the British and French consulates.

Athens, September 27th.

The news of the evacuation of Corfu was almost unobserved here, owing to the general depression, Italy obtaining practically everything demanded.

ITALY'S PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

London, September 27th.

The Italians have not completed the evacuation of Corfu, for although the troops have left, a Rome message states that an Italian squadron has been ordered to remain anchored in the roadstead until Italy actually receives the fifty million lire payable by Greece.

Lieut.-General Sir Philip Chetwode, in presenting the prizes at the Aldershot Command Rifle Meeting on August 11th, said that, as regards shooting, the Army had not got back to the standard of 1914.

Piccadilly-circuit Underground Station is to be rebuilt. The new station will be about 15ft. immediately below the Circus, and will have a broad subway under the Circus completely encircling the booking hall. There will be seven entrances. The growth of traffic has been enormous. In 1907, the first complete year after the station was opened, there were 1,600,000 passengers. Last year the total was 18,000,000.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL STABILITY.

TRIESTE TO JAPANESE MANAGEMENT OF FINANCE.

London, September 27th.

There is much satisfaction on the London Market regarding the news that the money required to pay maturing coupons of Yokohama Nagoya Gold Bonds was received through normal channels, not by draft upon Japanese Government balance.

The Times, in a leading article extolling Japan's financial stability, enumerates the large reserves held abroad and pays tribute to the Japanese management of monetary matters as being in accordance with the best orthodox policies of European nations. It declares that whatever her ultimate requirements may be, she will have no difficulty in raising the sums required.

JAPAN'S LIBRARY AND SCIENTIFIC COLLECTIONS.

THANKS EXPRESSED FOR INTERNATIONAL HELP IN RECONSTRUCTION.

Geneva, September 27th.

In the League of Nations Assembly, Mr. Adachi expressed acknowledgments for the international assistance promised for the reconstruction of libraries and scientific collections in Japan.

FINAL STAGE IN BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE PROCEEDINGS.

Paris, September 27th.

The final stage of the Banque Industrielle de Chine proceedings was reached when the Court of Commercial Jurisdiction delivered judgment confirming compromise settlement of the affairs of the Banque voted for by the creditors.

FAILURE OF THE CHURCH IN THE FAR EAST.

NEW LINE OF MISSIONARY ENDEAVOUR SUGGESTED.

The partial failure of the Church in the Far East was suggested by Miss Ward, travelling secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, when addressing the Church Congress at Plymouth.

She stated that, as result of Western civilisation, mothers in Bombay could be seen dragging their babies with opium to quieten them while the mothers were at work in factories, while children under ten years of age in China work seven to ten hour shifts. Miss Ward urged the striking out of a new line of missionary endeavour.

[FROM THE "DAILY HUILEIN."]

THE MORATORIUM.

Osaka, September 27th.

The Asahi reports that the Moratorium will be withdrawn at the end of the month.

The Asahi understands that the Government intends guaranteeing the Bank of Japan against losses entailed through rediscounting bills.

CHINA'S FINANCE MINISTER.

Peking, September 27th.

Chang Hu is expected to return from Tientsin this evening.

REMOVAL OF SEIZED ARMS.

Peking, September 27th.

The large stock of arms and ammunition captured from the An Fu and Fengtien forces and stored at Sanchaitan have now been removed to Szachuan in accordance with the orders of Wu Peifu.

The Aldershot Command has arranged for Divisional Manoeuvres—the first since 1915—to take place at the conclusion of the period of training on which the 2nd Division entered on August 12th.

THE OPULENCE OF HAMBURG.

GREAT PLEASURE CROWDS.

Sir Percival Phillips who has been touring Germany and writing a series of articles for the Daily Mail has the following to say on the "Opulence of Hamburg."

In the German passport bureau at Amsterdam, where visas are granted to travellers desiring to enter unoccupied territory, the devious route through two sub-offices which must be followed by the applicant is marked by collecting-boxes with "Save the German children" placarded above them, the last and largest box being on the desk of the suave consular official upstairs, who can accept or reject prospective visitors to the Fatherland.

The pilgrims punctuate their progress from the front door by offerings to his charity, and as they go forward only to find more boxes they continue to grope the wheels of officialdom for policy's sake, usually beginning with the equivalent of peace and ending up with a silver gulder (1s. 8d.) dropped reluctantly into the prosopopoeia under the scrutiny of the all-mighty official.

You do this as you leave the application for a visa. There is no compulsion, but, having gone that far, you naturally wish to ensure a pleasant atmosphere for the deaconess with which you have deposited a fee of 9 gulden (2s.).

A mild and charitably minded fellow-traveller who contributed his offering with the others grew very warm when we entered the land of staring children to their next day and he realised how the obligations which could be easily borne by the inhabitants of this prosperous country have been shifted to the shoulders of foreigners.

It is another example of their criminal evasion of responsibility. Help is asked from abroad for their poor while they waste money in public and private extravagances.

CROWDED FIRST-CLASS.

The story of prosperity begins at Bentheim, the frontier station where express trains from Holland diverge to Hamburg and Berlin. Railway travel, because of its disproportionate cheapness, seemed to be as heavy as in Britain during Bank Holiday time. First-class carriages were packed with tourists, the moment the Customs barrier was lifted, and all the way to Osnabruck, Bremen, and Hamburg additional passengers fought and argued for a footstool in any train. The number of foreign tourists was very small. Most of the travellers were German families on holiday, and they came from the small towns as well as the cities.

Between Bremen and Hamburg the rush was even greater. There were small shopkeepers and their wives; youths wearing the insignia of the Swastika and other reactionary societies which help to keep alive the hatred in the Ruhr; fat business men reading the obituary of the market; and a noticeable number of farmers in stiff new suits, surrounded by their families, all wedged compactly into the compartments or corridors of the first-class carriages—an environment to which many of them were evidently unaccustomed.

The conversation of these cheerful people had nothing to do with the sufferings of striking Germany. They remarked on the abundant harvest, the crops could be seen every side—field after field of ripened corn newly harvested, with the workers pausing to smile at the train—and discussed the respective merits of the coast resorts to which most of them were bound.

At Hamburg they were swallowed up in the multitude of other pleasure-seekers flowing in and out of the central railway station.

EXPENSIVE HOLIDAYS.

One fact was evident as the result of this journey. In Western Germany at least people are well enough off to take expensive holidays and not to skimp themselves in any way when travelling.

Prosperity is written large on the face of Hamburg. Her shipping magnates and financiers exclaim loudly at the poverty of Germany, but their protests are belied by the signs on every hand of public and private expenditure on a most generous scale. As elsewhere, profits have been invested in new buildings, shipyards and factories. Hamburg has enlarged; the municipal authorities have spent lavishly in further improving and adorning the city.

The most imposing structure in the business quarter is the great administration building of the Hamburg-American Line, where plans are being perfected for restoring the German merchant marine. New ships are on the ways at Blohm and Voss's yards, which dominate the inner harbour. At one quay is moored the *Albatross*, the latest addition to the new Transatlantic fleet, and at the next is her sister ship, *Deutschland*, only half finished, which, as the bustling guide in the harbour excursion steamer shouts with perfect truth, "will be followed by other passenger ships bigger than those Britain and the United States took from us."

Prosperity is stamped all over the headquarters of Herr Hugo Stinnes, the ex-king of German industry. He took an entire hotel, the Hamburger Hof, which faces the Alder basin, in the heart of Hamburg, and here you will always find an admiring crowd of German tourists and townspeople gathered around the ground-floor windows gazing at the models of his ships and reading the malicious propaganda literature on the Ruhr which is set out in bulletin boards in front of the branch office of his newspaper, the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*.

STINNES'S PROFITS.

The profits of Herr Stinnes's sea ventures are enormous. He is building larger ships. He is extending his holdings in property in South American ports. He is the most powerful man in the free city of Hamburg, and his dexterity in hiding capital so that it cannot be touched by tax-gatherers has made him a model for the lower captains of industry.

Hamburg shows its prosperity in many ways. There are no many private yachts as ever gliding the placid surface of the Inner and the Outer Alster basins, and on a pleasant afternoon these twin lakes are covered with craft of all kinds, from graceful canoes to racing motorlaunches, many of them driven by owners who are the type one sees rowing on the Serpentine. Schoolboys and clerks have their own boats, and it is a common sight to see two lads in knickerbockers manœuvring a yacht through the maze of craft.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

SUIT AGAINST A SHIP-OWNER.

CAPTAIN'S CLAIM AGAINST MR. NEMAZEE.

Mr. H. M. H. Nomazee is being sued by Capt. J. Watson for damages for wrongful dismissal. The plaintiff is claiming the equivalent of three months' salary at £45 a month as master of the s.s. *Gorleston*.

The claim was mentioned before his Honour the District Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) in the Summary Court yesterday morning, to fix a date for the hearing of the action. The case was fixed for Monday.

Mr. Corbett (for defendant) asked leave to file a counter-claim for damage done to the ship. Leave was granted, the counter-claim to be filed by noon on Monday, with leave to plaintiff to apply.

COCKS OF THE NORTH.

YORKSHIRE'S BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT.

When they defeated Leicestershire on August 10th by an innings and 71 runs Yorkshire set up a new record in the County Championship, 21 wins in a season, the previous best being 20 by themselves (1901), and Kent (1902). A few facts and figures connected with this phenomenal performance may be of interest even to non-Yorkshiresmen.

Beginning the season with a win over Glamorgan Yorkshire proceeded to beat Middlesex, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Essex, Leicestershire, and Gloucestershire twice each, and Derbyshire, Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Somerset, and Lancashire once. Their three draw games—all the result of rain—were against Kent, Lancashire, and Nottingham, and on each occasion the Yorkshiremen were in a winning position when the weather stopped in and applied the closure. Their single defeat was at the hands of Nottingham, who beat them by three runs!

Eleven of the Yorkshire wins were by more than an innings, and by more than 5 wickets, and four by more than 100 runs, the only "near thing" being the Surrey match at Sheffield which was won by 25 runs.

Every Yorkshire wicket that fell during the 25 matches cost their opponents on the average 29.41 runs each, whereas the Yorkshire bowlers captured their wickets at an average cost of 13.51 runs, a difference of 15.90 runs.

Two hundred and eighty-two Yorkshire wickets produced 8,856 runs, compared with the 6,487 runs produced by their opponents 430 wickets. The average completed innings of Yorkshire's opponents (and in only two cases were innings not completed) was 138.

The Yorkshire innings passed the 300 mark on twelve occasions (highest total, 446 for 6 wickets, v. Somerset), but their opponents never succeeded in scoring 300 runs in an innings, the nearest being 275 by Surrey. It may also be mentioned that, while Yorkshire declared their innings closed eight times, their opponents were never in a position to do so.

On only four occasions were the Yorkshiremen dismissed for fewer than 150 runs; but they themselves got opposing sides out for less than 150 thirty times, and on fifteen occasions the total did not reach three figures.

Only fifteen individual innings exceeding 50 (including two centuries) were scored against the Yorkshire bowling, and the Tykes retaliated with 43 scores over 50 and seven hundreds.

From the above it is clear that the present Yorkshire is a very remarkable combination, and the secret of their success is bowling—good length bowling and plenty of it!

Expensive hotels are as well patronised as the cheaper ones. I counted 125 persons at dinner in the so-called best hotel last night, and the head waiter told me that at least 100 were Germans. An unusually small percentage of American tourists is found here except when a Transatlantic liner is about to leave, so that the bulk of the expenditure is not by foreigners. The game can be said of all the cafes and wine restaurants which specialise in high prices.

German clients predominate; they eat and drink of the best, and the demand for expensive cigars was never better. The cuisine of Hamburg is famed for its quality as well as variety, and the specialties, although dear even in the opinion of a visitor from abroad, are not too dear for impoverished natives.

THRONED RESULTS.

Hamburg is a barometer for the excursion traffic to the North Sea resorts, and it registers "set prosperous." The summer hotels at Norderey and neighbouring islands are crowded. Heligoland retains its old-time popularity. The steamship *Kaiser* came up the Elbe yesterday with a full cargo of returned trippers, and set out again this morning with a fresh load of excursionists for distribution on the cramped little island, where even modest lodgings are expensive.

Industrial unrest has not ruffled the serenity of the city. Communist factions tried to dominate the Blohm and Voss shipyards, with the result that a lock-out has been declared, but the only other sign of discontent is the ever-recurring demand for higher wages, consequent on the decline of the mark. Generally speaking, labour has not suffered, for advances have been made regularly in proportion to the inflation of currency.

The scarcity of paper marks has been countered by the drawing of cheques. During the past three days the principal hotels have allowed their guests to live on credit, and when leaving they buy a banker's cheque for the amount of their bill in marks, paying foreign currency therefor. All tips are included automatically, as even railway tickets are sold in the same way by the tourist agencies, it is possible for a traveller to liquidate his indebtedness without having to handle marks, except what is necessary for a taxi-cab and portage at the station—and even these charges can be negotiated through the hotel.

The absence of marks has not made any appreciable difference in expenditure. Hamburg's air of opulence is undiminished, and her wealthy citizens watch unmoved the panic which has been created for the bewilderment of Europe.

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Steamers	Tonnage, d.w.	Departure
*Carl Legien ...	9,000 tons	24th Oct., Callings at Manila.
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THE FRENCH NOTE

REPLY TO BRITISH CRITICISM.

The French reply to the British Note of August 11th was published in Paris on August 22nd in a Yellow Book. It is dated August 20th, is addressed to Lord Curzon as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and is signed by M. Poincaré. To the Note proper are added two annexes.

M. Poincaré begins with a long historical review, in which he recalls the provisions made for the payment of reparations by Germany, stating that from the first the Reparation Commission noted the ill-will shown by Germany to all its demands.

Declarations by Mr. Lloyd George in respect to German evasions are quoted and reference is made to the London Ultimatum of March, 1921, when it was announced that if Germany did not meet the wishes of the Allies the town of Duisburg, Ruhrort, and Düsseldorf would be occupied, as well as other measures taken.

Germany at that time gave way, and there followed in May, 1921, the fixing of the total German payments by the Reparation Commission. Not long afterwards Germany again sought to evade her obligations, while in the meantime she pursued at home a policy of reckless squandering and waste. Then came the cessation of payments by Germany, followed by the declaration of the Reparation Commission that Germany was in voluntary default.

THE CHIEF POINTS.

The chief points in M. Poincaré's Note may be summarized as follows:—
The occupation of the Ruhr is legal and within the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.

Resistance in the Ruhr does not come from the population, but at the instigation of Berlin.

Once passive resistance shall have ceased the occupation of the Ruhr will be modified.

France has no desire to remain in the Ruhr longer than is necessary, and has neither political nor annexationist aims.

Germany can pay us pretty quickly what she owes us.

France asks her Allies at least to credit her in "A" and "B" bonds with 25 milliards (25,000,000,000) and to reserve for her in "C" such sums as may be claimed from France under the head of Inter-Allied debts.

France has never repudiated the debt contracted during the war either to England or the United States, but "we cannot pay it until we have received from Germany what Germany owes us. We shall claim from Germany, over and above the 26 milliards, whatever is claimed from ourselves."

The Treaty of Versailles has given to the Reparation Commission all the powers which could be attributed to the committee of experts proposed by Great Britain and by Germany.

Now, when Germany has succeeded in bringing about her temporary bankruptcy is not the moment to estimate her capacity to pay.

France does not contemplate the ruin of Germany; her interest is that her debtor should be better days. But she must not be allowed, at the expense of France and the other Allies, a too rapid recovery which would result in her commercial and industrial hegemony.

"We request that the Reparation Commission should be allowed to carry out its task."

"We cannot make ourselves jointly responsible with Germany towards England for payment of the British debt to the United States."

"We are quite ready to take the present situation of Germany into account in the general settlement of reparations and Inter-Allied debts."

In the first Annex M. Poincaré replies, paragraph by paragraph, to the British Note of August 11th. M. Poincaré declares that France cannot understand British disappointment, but is convinced that the good will of the two Governments will not take long to reach an agreement. Other points in the Annex are:—

France does not give up one centime of her reparations claim; the pledge which France will not abandon this pledge which we hold until after complete payment of reparations.

We know that Germany is and will always be rich enough to pay us; all that is required is that she should wish to do so.

It is no good waiting for Germany to recognize her debt as just. Germany hitherto has given no proof of good will.

There is no need to refer any differences to a Court of Arbitration; France need only quote previous statements by the British Government.

We went into the Ruhr to argue to the German Government the will to pay.

"We will not evacuate the Ruhr in return for fresh promises; it is payment that we want." France is in no wise responsible for the economic crisis. Germany has upset everything.

A CRAWL OF 100 MILES.

Professor House's decision to crawl on all fours one hundred miles next June and eat anything he can catch and cook on the way, even dogs and mice, "just to show that it can be done," excites some derision, but the man seems sincere, and went several miles on August 10th in preparation. It is presumed that cinema firms will be interested, and Professor House, being professor of literature at Nebraska, Omaha, will know how to describe his adventures for the magazines. One hundred years ago an old wounded trapper in Nebraska accomplished exactly the same feat.

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THE FOOD QUESTION.

One of the wisecracks in the Mother of Parliaments has had a brain wave. "The food question," he says, "will be acute for the next ten years." Anybody could have told him that! The food question is always acute to some people. There are uncounted thousands—hundreds of millions—who can't get enough food. There are thousands of people, who for years—have had to put up with food they wouldn't have looked at, once upon a time. And some people, who can get food, wholesome food, can't get any real benefit out of it. Why? Perhaps the unnatural excitement of the last few years have played havoc with our digestive systems.

After all, the digestive system isn't cast iron. Really, it is of a delicate, complex character, all too liable to become a little deranged, perhaps through some apparently trifling cause. Many a man or woman will feel well to-day. Then, to-morrow, up goes the temperature a few degrees, and that same man or woman is soon conscious of lost appetite and decreased vigor.

Sometimes we can't even be sure of the cause, but we are quite sure that we feel "a little off the mark." Now that kind of thing isn't very important unless it continues, but if it does continue, good-bye to health and happiness.

In place of radiant health, and the feeling that it is good to be alive, what do we get? Why? Just the opposite! A miserable existence and the horrible feeling that perhaps life isn't worth living after all. Our food—well! We don't relish it, and it gives us pain, when we eat it. Then we have flatulence, perhaps, or biliousness, or constipation, with constant headaches, until we feel "played out." And all because our digestive system has lost tone and strength.

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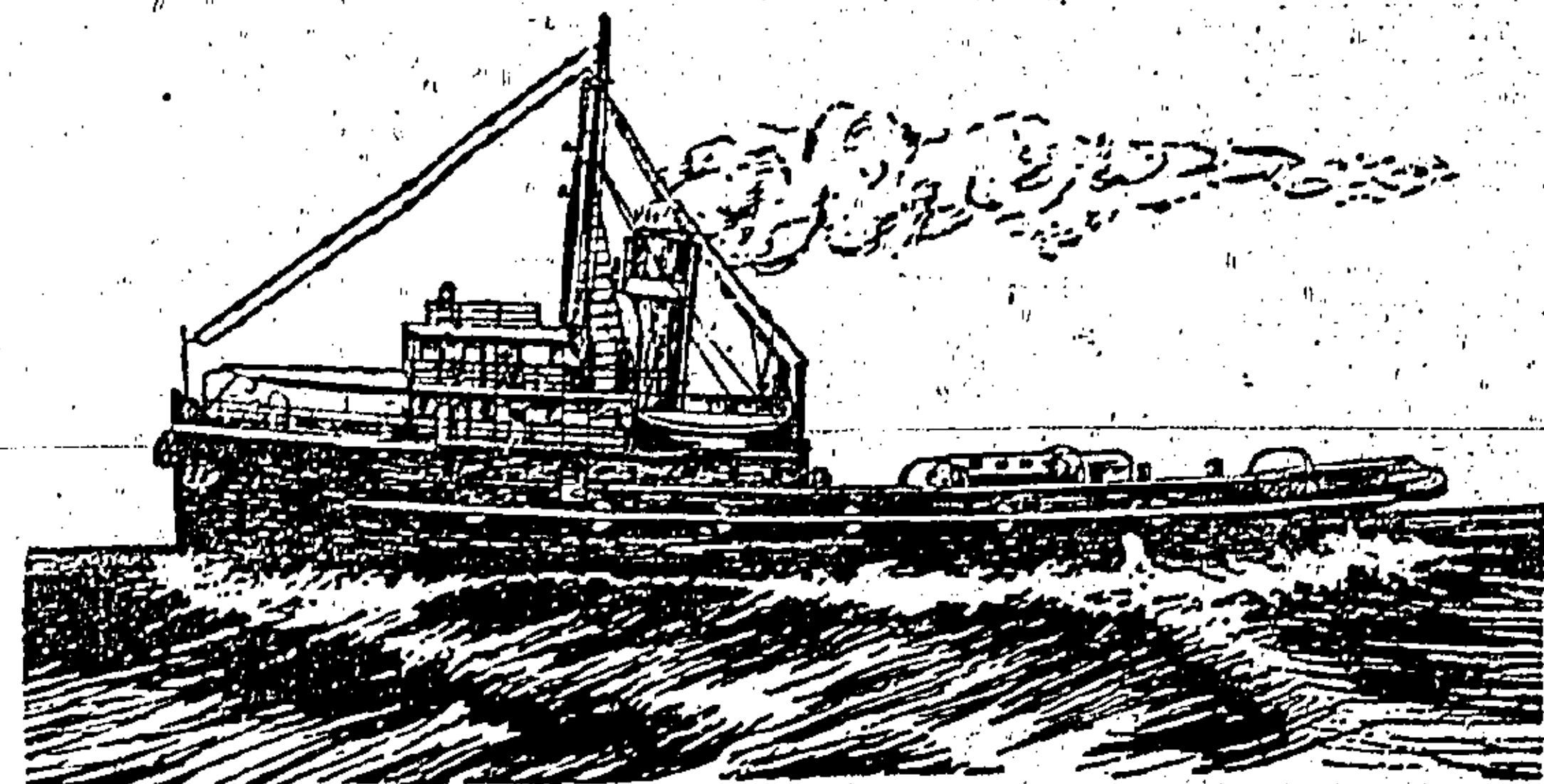
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Evergreen, British str., 3,503 tons, Capt. C. F. Molting, from Hamburg and Singapore, the latter port she left on September 22nd, with a general cargo.—R. & S.

Wok Canton, Chinese str., 288 tons, Capt. Lung Long, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo.—Hong On S.S. Co.

Kashim, British str., 1,143 tons, Capt. A. N. Taylor, from Saigon, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Paote, Chinese str., 374 tons, Capt. Lai Yee, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo.—Tung Wo & Co.

September 28th.

Chongching, British str., from Canton. *Chengyu*, Panama str., from Canton.

Hueh Wai, Chinese str., 2,700 tons, Capt. T. A. Lee, from Chingwangtong, with coal.—Dedwell & Co.

Kiku Maru, Japanese str., 1,367 tons, Capt. H. Ohuchi, from Keelung, with coal.—O.S.K.

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Taiho Maru, Japanese str., 1,975 tons, Capt. S. Arai, from Keelung, with coal.—Y.K.K.

Tamha Maru, Japanese str., 3,550 tons, Capt. N. Wada, from Moji, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

Tjilhel, Dutch str., 3,333 tons, Capt. J. P. Schaltenburg, from Yokohama and Amoy, with a general cargo.—J.C.L.

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Kashim, for Amoy.

Kiku Maru, for Canton.

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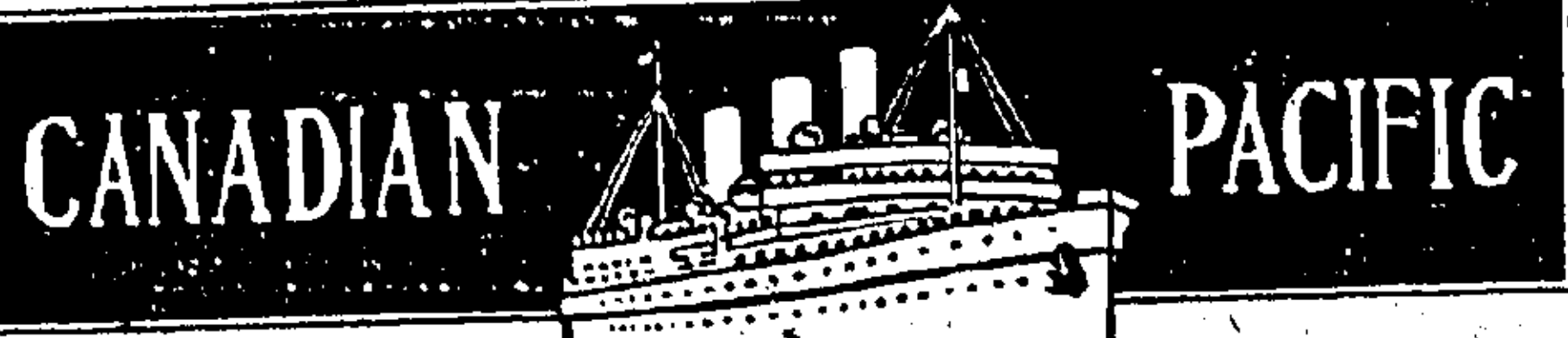
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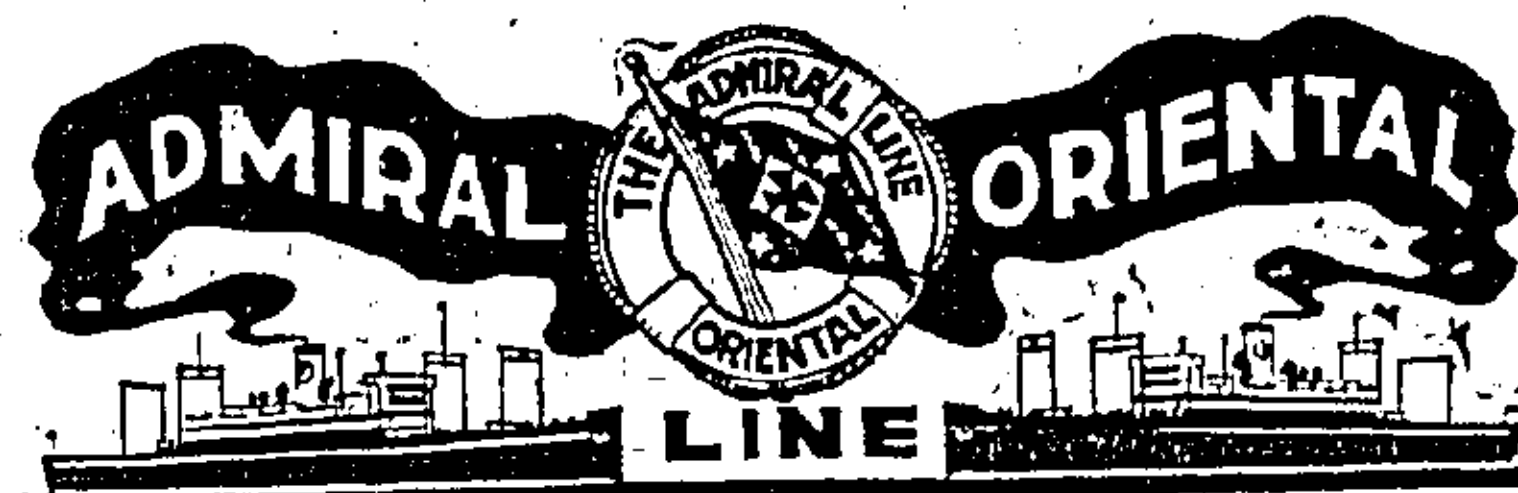
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St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—30th September, 1923, 18th Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Matins (11 a.m.); Responses, Psalms, Venite, No. 19 (Lugano); Psalm, 103, No. 98 (Lugano); Te Deum, Woodstock, Smart, Turler, Benedictus, No. 17 (Attwood); Anthem, "Son of my soul" (Edward Turner); Hymn, 173.

N.B.—Palm 103, verses 1, 2, 19; 30, G.P. in unison.

Hymn 173, verses 1, 7 in unison.

Evening (6 p.m.): Responses, Psalms, 103 (Crotch); Magnificat, No. 31 (Hopkins); None Dimittis, No. 6 (Lugano); Hymns, 240, 291, 225.

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Union Church (Kennedy Road).—Sunday Services, September 30th, 1923.

Morning Service at 11 o'clock.

Psalm: 46; Hymns: 72, 531, 535.

Evening Service at 6 o'clock.

Hymns: 111, 145, 237, 634, 240.

Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist, MacDonnell Road (below Flower Road).

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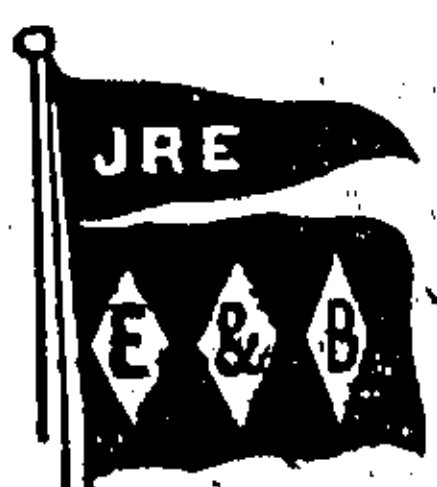
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"SCILLA"	6,813	14th Nov.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,441	18th Nov.	Mars, Gib, London & Antwerp.
"KALAN"	7,023	24th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SOUFAN"	9,062	30th Nov.	do.
"DEVANHA"	6,686	13th Dec.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
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"MOREA"	10,911	22nd Feb.	do.
"KARNATA"	9,098	7th March	do.
"NALDERA"	15,993	21st March	do.
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